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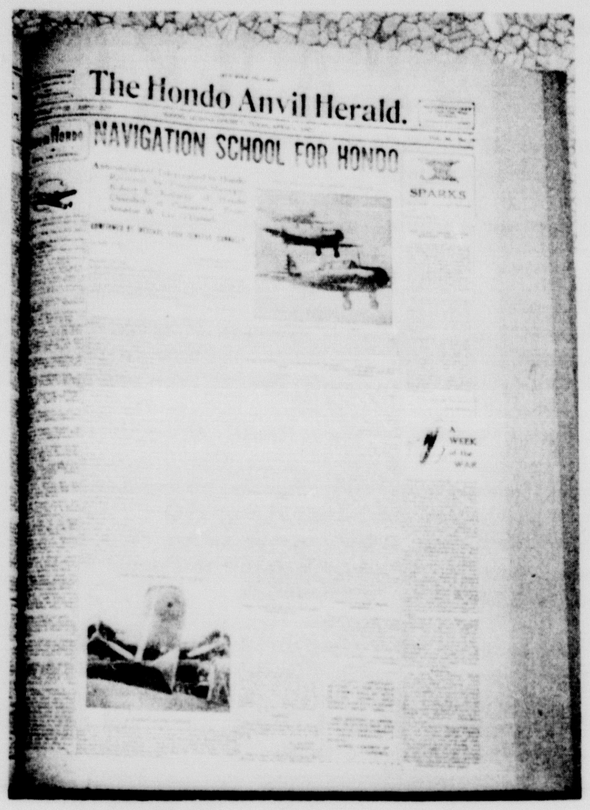
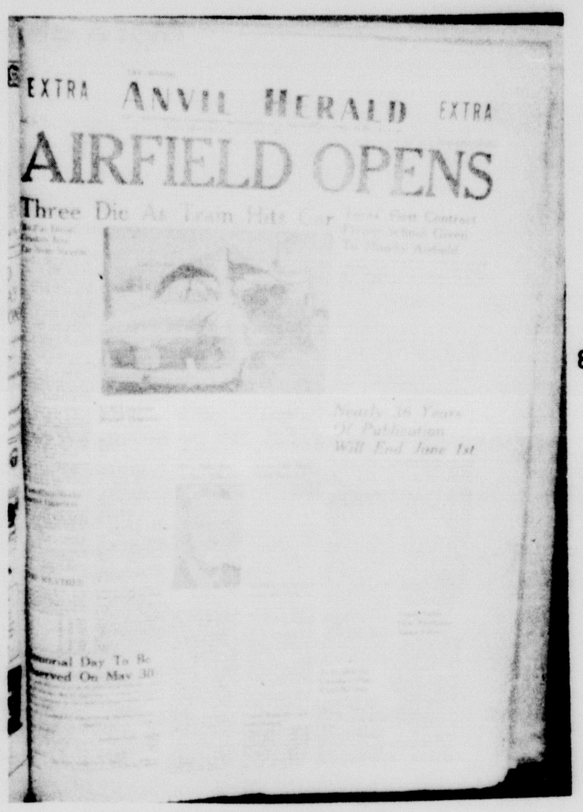

The Hondo Anvil Herald.
NAVIGATION SCHOOL FOR HONDO

BIG NEWS . . . The front page of the April 3, 1942, issue of the Hondo Anvil Herald tells a story of good news--that Hondo would have an airbase to train navigators. From that time until now this base has been vital to the city.


EXTRA ANVIL HERALD EXTRA
AIRFIELD OPENS

SECOND TIME AROUND . . . Texas Aviation Industries, Inc., was granted a contract to train navigators and the Hondo Airbase opened again, staying open until 1958 or there abouts.

THIRD TIME HERE . . . Last year the Air Force announced the consolidation of its Flight Screening Program at Hondo Airbase. In May of 1973 the program began and marked the third time that the Armed Forces have utilized the base.

SPARKS

"Forge thy tongue on an anvil of truth, and what flies up, though it be but a spark, shall have weight." --Pindar

By Burnis K. Lawrence
Publisher

WOULD YOU BELIEVE

. . . that our darn camera took Monday night to act up and get no pictures!

Well, it did. Right in the middle of everything were blank spots on the film where the Outstanding Citizen and Outstanding Farm Family were supposed to be.

And to make it worse we did not develop the film until Tuesday night and then it was too late to get Mrs. Bruno Schweers, the Outstanding Citizen, and Floyd and Doris Saathoff, the Outstanding Farm Family, together for another picture for this week's paper.

If they are willing, however, we will snap them for next week. And at the same time, we offer our apologies.

AIR AGE TRAINING

. . . has been good to Hondo and its area community, beginning back in 1942 when the Airbase was first built and continuing through the present.

Then it was preparing navigators for battle as the nation girded its resources for war. Again from 1952 until 1958, Hondo Airbase produced navigators who earned their wings in this tiny western town.

Today, it is testing the flying abilities of young men who can be trained as pilots to protect our country just in case we get into another war.

Hondo enjoyed the same spin-offs from all three programs-- a boost to the economy and the induction of new people into the population.

And in all the years that lie between 1942 and the present, the area also reaped benefits from industry which would not have been here had we not had such a fine airbase.

Open House

Saturday, in an Open House designed specifically to introduce the public to the Air Force's Flight Screening program, and vice versa, still another page will be written into the history book of the Hondo Airbase.

Del Rio Flying Service serves as the contractor for the flying program at Hondo and Bruce Baize has the headaches of supervising the many problems that normally exist with such a vast program.

Col. Bobby Poole is in charge of the Air Force personnel who are there under the command of Brigadier General Cecil E. Fox,

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CofC Banquet date changed

A change in the date on which the annual banquet will be held was made Monday by the Hondo Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

Board members voted to hold the annual banquet on the last Monday night in January beginning in 1975.

"This change was brought about by the crowded calendar which always occurs in December," President Bruce Foster said "We feel this will allow us to give more attention to each event such as the Wild Game Dinner, Santa Claus, membership drive, etc."

At the Monday meeting Directors also voted to ask for donation at the Wild Game Dinner serving line next year. They did not decide on a figure, but said they would also be giving away a good rifle.

"We would also like to reiterate," Foster said, "that the Wild Game Dinner is promoted especially for the hunters who come into our area. It's not that we don't want to welcome other people, but we do not have the manpower to do the work to feed hunters and non-hunters too."

Ambulance school underway

Drivers and aides who will man the ambulances under the Emergency Ambulance program established by Medina County and incorporated cities began school Monday night in preparation for their job.

A four night school is going on at the National Guard Armory with classes running from 6:30 p.m. through 11 p.m. Instructors from the State Department of Health are James F. Lynch, Roger Mitchell and Dennis Saathoff.

Hondo, Castroville and Devine are manning emergency ambulances beginning January 1. The County has purchased three vehicles which are being equipped at this time, one for each city.

Approximately 65 registered Monday night for the school with 16 of these being from Hondo. They include: Russell Guinn, Theresa Schoellman, Armella Bendele, Martha J. Schlentz, W. F. Gaudian, C. T. Woods, Julia Gates, Dorothy Muennink, Ron C. Huckaby, Harold Herring, Beth Herring, Charles Britsch, Roy Carter, Carl Heilig, Steve Hannemann and Jeannine Guinn.

Bud Guinn has been employed by the City of Hondo to supervise the program in Hondo.

Saturday, Dec. 8

OPEN HOUSE SET AT HONDO AIRBASE

Exciting events are planned for Saturday's Open House at Hondo Airbase where local citizens will gather once again to welcome a flying training program to the 31 year-old field.

The public is invited to the gala event which will get underway at 10 a.m. and continue through 2 p.m. with many interesting attractions in store for those who make the show.

Personnel of Del Rio Flying Service, the civilian contractor, whose local superintendent is Bruce Baize, and the U. S. Air Force will be on hand to greet people and show them around. They will see that the public understands the Flight Screening program and the Security Assistance Training program.

Kicking off the event will be the School of military Science, Officer band from Lackland and this will be followed by the arrival of Miss Hondo--JoAnne Quintanilla--by sailplane.

Brig. Gen. Cecil E. Fox, commander of SMSO, will greet Miss Hondo with a bouquet of flowers as she lands after having enjoyed a sailplane ride from the Castroville Airport.

Next the public will be treated to a demonstration by the Sentry Dogs of Security Service; and after that a sailplane demonstration.

Somewhere around 11:30 a.m., weather permitting, a parachute jump will be made over the field; and this will be followed by a radio-controlled airplane demonstration and a fire suppression demonstration by the crew of Chief Garcia's unit at the field.

The afternoon schedule will somewhat duplicate the morning schedule except for the arrival of Miss Hondo. Concession stands will serve hotdogs, cold drinks and snacks throughout the event.

Tentatively scheduled is a demonstration by a C-130 crew from the 433rd Tactical Airlift Wing (Reserve) at Kelly AFB. This will be followed by another parachute jump.

After this activity is over the Medina Sailplane Association will offer sailplane rides at $7.50 per ride. This includes the towing of the sailplane to get it in the air and then a ride around the field.

All during the day those attending the event will be able to tour the facilities and also take in some movies which will be shown continuously. They will also see static displays of T-41 and possibly T-37 aircraft.

"The Flight Screening Program is a valuable addition to our area," Bruce Foster, President of the Hondo Chamber of Commerce, said. "And we urge everyone to go out Saturday and take a look at the facility and meet the people who operate the program. Many of them are our neighbors now and let's make them all feel welcome."

Saturday's Open House marks the third time that an Armed Forces flying training program has been welcomed to the Hondo Airbase. Back in 1942 the base was first constructed to train navigators; and again in 1951 it opened with a civilian contractor to train navigators.

The Flight Screening Program under the Air Training Command, is a consolidation of nine operations on bases scattered across the entire southern portion of the country.

Operations began in April, with the first students coming in on May 17. The program has 79 T-41 aircraft, and under the supervision of Bruce Baize and his Del Rio Flying Service personnel, the program puts through some 90 students every three weeks.

They also conduct the Security Assistance Training Program which puts through about 40 allied students every five weeks. They come from Vietnam, Bolivia, Iran and Guatemala.

Del Rio Flying Service employs 65 personnel at a monthly payroll of approximately $30,000. Some 15 Air Force personnel are assigned to the Hondo operation.

Rudy Rath recalls story of Airbase

An obstacle that still exists today almost prevented Hondo from getting the Airbase back in 1942. That obstacle was housing.

But at that time several residents got busy and whipped the problem and the rest is history, more than 30 years of use and benefits from valuable property.

Rudy Rath, who was secretary of the Hondo Chamber of Commerce at that time, came in the Anvil Herald office and gave us the following account of what took place back in those days.

"At that time," Rudy recalls, "Bill Gaudian was employed with the San Antonio Public Service Board, and in that job was acquainted with a Col. Tuttle.

"We heard that Randolph was handling the task of finding a site for an airfield. so Bill asked the help of Col. Tuttle in finding out more information and how Hondo could apply to be that site.

"Once they started looking it boiled down to San Marcos, Hondo aad later, Del Rio.

"Then they came out and made a housing survey, which indicated there was no housing available. And they were wanting housing for more than 300 families.

Rudy continued: "On the first Friday in February--I know that was the day because the Chamber was sponsoring the First Fat Stock Show in the old Colonial Theater building--the late Mr. E. G. Johnson at the depot called to say he had three men from Southern Pacific Railway who wanted to talk to me.

"I went down there and they told me they saw our application thrown in the wastebasket at Randolph because of the lack of housing.

"Well, we really went to work. Bill Gaudian and the late C. W. Gilliam called the Chamber Board of Directors together and got busy on finding some housing. And would you believe that by noon the next day we had guarantees of 400 units!

"From then on, after we notified Randolph of this, I guess you can say we had it made. They announced in April that the base would be built and we were on our way."

Rudy recalls that Hondo was a town of some 2,000 people at that time and all the area where the Airbase is located was farmland owned by the Kollmans, the Kochs and others. He says the old Bless swimming pool was already on top of the hill.

"We had much less opposition that anyone expected," Rudy said. "In fact, we had plenty of help and cooperation or we would never have gotten pledges for 400 units in one day's time.

"I also believe Hondo owes many debts of gratitude to the railroad company. Those people have been good to Hondo down through the years and we should not forget that fact."

That's Rudy's story on the Airbase and the rest is history.

The Airbase has provided a vital economic boost to the community through the years, and to the present with the flying school.

But all those years haven't solved the problem that existed in 1942 -- Hondo still has a housing shortage.

Santa Claus arrives Saturday

Say, children! Saturday is Santa Claus day in Hondo!

The little fat man with the long white beard and funny laugh will be at the City Municipal Building from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m.

He'll greet all the children who wish to come by and will even have some candy for those who have been real, real, real good.

General Fox will welcome area residents

Brig. Gen. Cecil E. Fox, the new commander of the School of Military Science, Officer at Lackland AFB, will be in Hondo Saturday for the Open House of the flying program at Hondo Airbase.

General Fox is a native Texan and a graduate of West Point. He earned his wings in 1948 and after taking jet training he was assigned to Korea and returned to Perrin AFB, Texas. He earned his MA degree in industrial engineering in 1959.

After various assignments in the States and overseas, Gen Fox attended the Air War College, and in 1969 went to Vietnam where he flew 165 combat missions in the A-37B airplane and 53 combat missions in the UH- H.

He was commander of the 3550th Pilot Training Wing a Moody Air Force Base, Georgia, when he was named commander of MSMO at Lackland. He is a command pilot with over 5,000 flying hours.

General Fox was promoted to his present rank of brigadier general effective May 1 of this year.

Chamber honors Mrs. Bruno Schweers, Floyd Saathoff family

From all indications and comments around town, everyone who attended the annual Hondo Chamber of Commerce Banquet Monday night enjoyed every minute of it.

Presentation of awards met with wide acclaim as Kenneth Flory called on Nancy Fridle to present the Outstanding Citizen award to Mrs. Bruno Schweers and Glenn Bragg to present the Outstanding Farm Family award to Floyd and Doris Saathoff and their family.

Bob Murphey went over like gang busters, enough so, in fact, that some people still have sore ribs from laughing so hard.

Mingled in with his many humorous stories Bob gently prodded everyone there to be a pillar in the community, not a catepillar.

"A pillar is a staunch supporter of the community," he explained. "And a catepillar is a means of destruction."

He gave five points that every person should strive to do every day. "Always keep trying, never give up," he said. "Always be prepared to take advantage of every opportunity to be a good citizen and help your town, yourself and your neighbor; always be loyal to yourself, your church, your neighbors and your town; never live 'under the circumstances', always strive to live beyond the circumstances; and 'stir what you've got'. Too many of us never fully utilize the talents God gave us. We are never satisfied with what we have, but always want what someone else has.

"So if you want your town to prosper and grow then you must: be loyal, keep trying, be prepared, live beyond your circumstances and stir what you've got," Murphy concluded.

Brig. Gen. Cecil Fox

Letters from the mailbox

Dear Mr. Lawrence,

I am enclosing a check for the renewal of the Hondo anvil Herald for my mother, Mrs. Maybelle Speece.

She is in the San Antonio Community Hospital at the present time, but is still interested in all her friends in Hondo.

We both enjoy reading the news of our Hondo friends.

Thank you,
Bernice Longmoor
(Mrs. Hugh W.)
11210 Janet Lee Dr.
San Antonio, Texas 78230

Reference Librarian
Hondo Public Library
Hondo, Texas

Dear Sir:

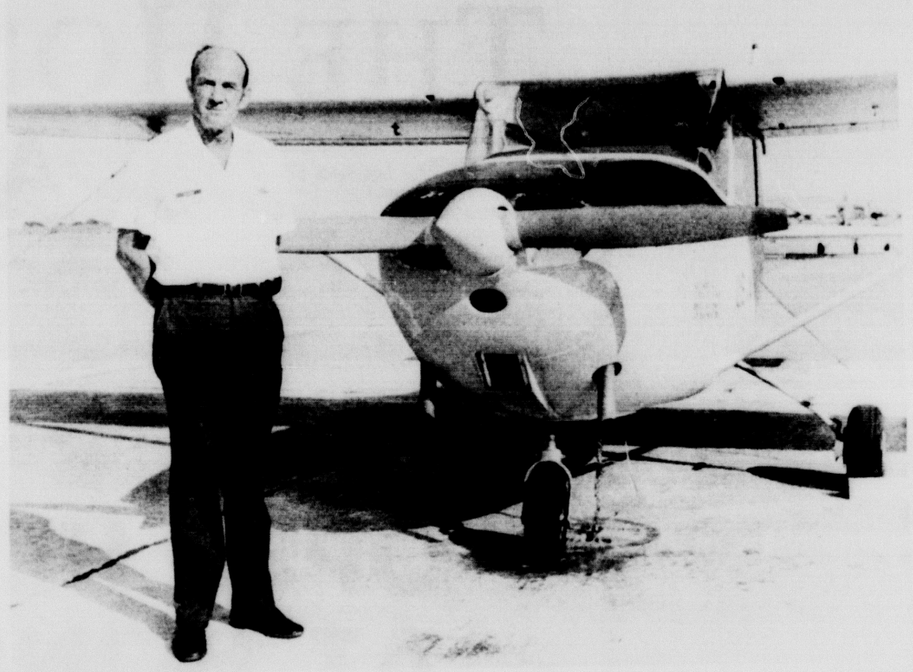
I am currently researching a collective biography of the approximately 1800 men who have served the United States as diplomats and consuls in Mexico from 1823 to 1960. Among these men were William P. Blocker, and his brother, V. Harwood Blocker Jr. W. P. Blocker served for 34 years in the foreign service, with all but two years in Mexico. He was born in Hondo, Sept. 30, 1892, and died in New Orleans as he was preparing to go to Panama in Feb. 28, 1947. V. Harwood Blocker also served in Mexico, as vice consul in Manzanillo in 1928 and as vice consul in Mexico, in 1938. They were the sons of Judge V. H. Blocker of Hondo.

I would appreciate it very much if you could check your local newspaper for an article or an obituary of William.

I would also be grateful for any information from biographical directories or other historical sources about both men. I have succeeded in learning virtually nothing about V. Harwood Jr. I will pay any necessary duplicating costs. Your assistance will be most helpful.

Sincerely yours,
William H. Beezley
Assistant Professor

[Editor's Notes: Anyone who has information on these two men might wish to help Mr. Beezley out by sending it to him at Department of History, North Carolina State University, Box 5695, Raleigh, N.C. 27607.]



BRUCE BAIZE . . . serves as superintendent of the Del Rio Flying Service operation at Hondo Airbase. In this capacity he supervises 65 personnel and the entire flying and maintenance program for the Flight Screening program. A native Texan, Bruce served 23 years in the Air Force and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel, the last day of May 1965. The next day he joined the T-41 program at Del Rio. During his service he was a fighter pilot with the 9th Air Force in Europe, flying P-38 and P-47 aircraft in England, France, Belgium and Germany. Bruce served a hitch in Korea in 1954 and from 1959 until 1962 he was Chief of Fighter Operations for the 13th Air Force in the Vietnam conflict. He and his wife, Maribeth, are building a home in Hondo. He says all his children "have left the nest."

HAB reopened in 1951

On July 19, 1951, Hondo Air Base re-opened for business with the new mission of training Air Force pilots in basic flight instruction using civilian instructors.

The Hondo contract was the first one to be released for Texas, reported a telegram from then-Congressman Lloyd M. Bentsen Jr.

About 150 men comprised the first class at the newly-reopened base. Training and instruction was handled by the Texas Aviation Industries, Inc.

Hondo airbase was considerably smaller for the TAI operation than it had been during its wartime days as a navigation school.

Only about half of the original property was activated for the new mission. Buildings from the east side of the original property were re-located to the west for their new use.

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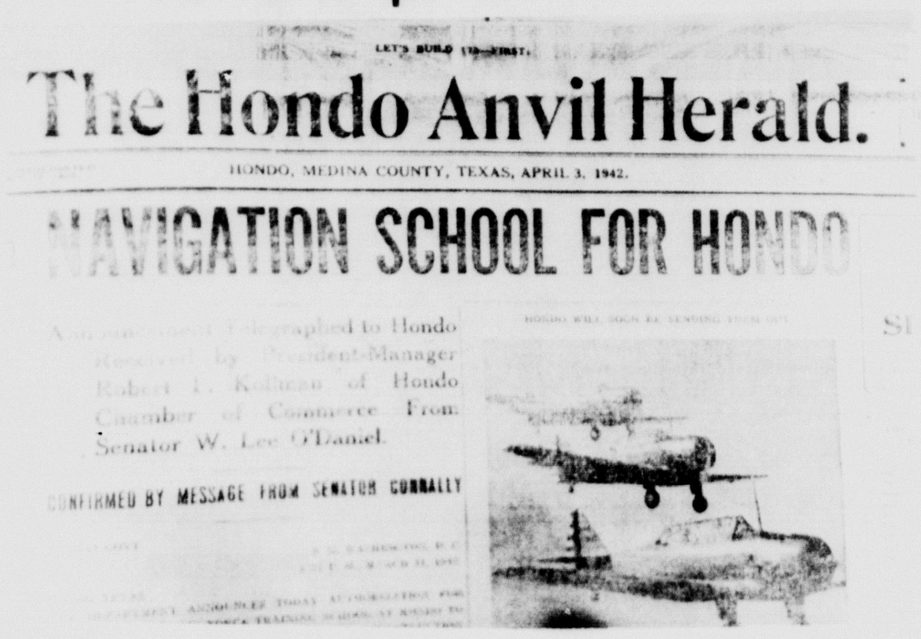
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ATTEND THE OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY

HONDO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

More about . . . SPARKS

Commander, School of Military Sciences, Officer. The program is a part of the Air Training Command.

Saturday's event will give the Hondo and area residents an opportunity to meet the personnel of both sections, including General Fox.

Why So?

Why an Open House?

The flying school is a new industry in our area. It is operated by people who are new to our area. The presence of both program and people means a brighter economic future for our town and our area.

Thus, attendance at Saturday's Open House can serve two purposes: first, we can learn about the program, how it operates, why is it here, what it means to us; and, secondly, we can become acquainted with the people who are behind the operation of this program so vital to the overall security of our nation. In other words, after meeting them, we can say, "Welcome to Hondo, and thanks for becoming a part of our community."

What's Happening?

Many things will be going on during the day and they are described in stories elsewhere in this week's Anvil Herald. Activities begin at 10 a.m. and will continue through 2 p.m.

We urge each and everyone to go out, take a good look and say "thanks to someone." You'll feel good for it.

Airbase History

With the Open House as a springboard, the Anvil Herald this week is dedicated to the history of Hondo Airbase--what it has meant through the years and to its value in the future.

We know we have not told the complete story. That would require many more resources than we have. But we have attempted to hit the high spots and hope in doing so we have achieved our point of stressing the importance of this property to our city and area.

Our thanks to the many people who have helped us with information and pictures. With a forgetful mind like mine, I will not attempt to name them all for fear one would be left out.

This Land Is Mine

T'was once that I was happy
My life was filled with cheer;
I never had seen Texas
Till the A.F. brought me here.

I've heard songs and songs of her beauty,
Pretty girls and big strong men;
Rolling plains and majestic mountains
Just Heaven from end to end.

The one thing that is certain
Of this there's no denying,
The guy that started that noise
Did a Hell of a lot of lying.

Deep in the heart of Texas
There is sand in all we eat,
The girls are all bow-legged
The boys all have flat feet.

That's why they have to send us here
To sit in sand dejection,
Out in this lonely desert
For this damn State's protection.

No longer are we religious,
We drink, we fight, we curse
No worry about going to Hell
It can't be any worse.

Down here the sun is hotter,
Down here the rain is wetter.
They think it's the best state
But there are 47 better.

Still there is no one to blame but me,
The A.F. never forgot it;
I asked for foreign service, and
Believe me, by God, I got it!

THIS LAND IS MINE . . .
from the class book of
Hondo class 55-J.

From A TAI Classbook
Were They Talking About Our Hondo !

Chamber Corner

By Lillian Porter,
Exec. Secretary

Well, the week is finally over!

Last week is one we'll not forget around here. Right on the heels of the Wild Game Dinner came the fabulous trip to Houston with the Hondo Corn Shucking Champions and then a terrific banquet.

Wasn't Bob Murphey great!

. . .

We're happy to oblige:

"Dear Sir:

"As Recreation Center Director at Laughlin AFB I would like any free information on what is happneing in Hondo. I would like to have any examples of places a person would go if coming to visit your city. I would like a few maps of your city also. Any help you can give us will be appreciated.Thank you. Johen E. Freed Sr."

. . .

We had a heavy mail load to local folks this week; but at the same time managed to send a few out of town: Southern Pacific, San Francisco, California; Joan E. Garcia, Texas Folklife Festival, San Antonio; Sid Malone of Devine; Sammy Tschirhart of Castroville; E. D. Wiemers of San Antonio; John Charles of Corpus Christi and Don Singleton of Decatur.

. . .

Donations made this past week were bags from Jim Prensler at Winn's to help Santa arrive Saturday, and one by Paul Reily to the Chamber.

. . .

Routine--if there is such a thing during a mad rush--Jobs--applications 9, referrals 8, TEC call-in cards aad answers 8, Youth Corps and Mainstream 3, other 3; Salvation Army 7; Hunting--requests 5, referrals 13, other 3; Housing--listing 2, requests 5, referrals 14, other 3; Other requests 17; Brochure, maps, cards 9; Banquet 26; Houston trip 29.

. . .

Chamber of Commerc--ing was fun at Houston! We gave away about 750 postcards, wore our ribbons every day and bragged about Hondo a lot.

And, this might interest you: we met many people who said, "Oh, yes, I saw that sign when we came through recently;" or "That's the town with the beautifully kept roadway;" and other similar remarks.

We were proud to be one of the 46 persons who made the trip.

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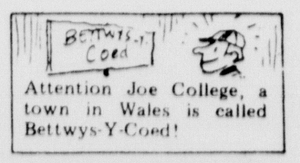

Attention Joe College, a town in Wales is called Bettwys-Y-Coed!

H. B. Zachary workers June 4, 1942 as airbase neared completion

HAB instructors set safety mark

When Hondo air base had closed its training operation in 1958, six of its instructors and compiled the incredible mark of flying 3,500 hours or more with no operator error type aircraft accident.

The six included J. L. Gardner, W. L. Adams, I. LJones. R. K. Kenny, V. J. Muers, and T. D. Kotowski.

Accumulating 3,000 hours or more were T. G. Kuykendall, M. B. Belcher, F. H. Atkinson, V. J. Doerr, E. L. Perkins, J. P. Donaldson, W. E. Holmgreen, W. G. Spurlock, D. V. Streetman, R. C. Kimball, and M. T. Turner.

With 2,500 or more hours were R. V. Stanga, H. J. Haegelin, J. N. Aycock, J. M. Carr, R. G. Stephens, J. B. Cunningham, I. R. Stracener, R. A. Yeager, P. H. Hisler, L. F. Taylor, and E. W. Parrish.

Recording 2,000 or more hours were J. W. Hinson, D. E. Benedict, L. J. Vovvorn, J. W. Council, J. J. Leazenby, E. H. Dodds, J. G. Mathis, K. M. Farnsworth, H. W. Snyder, J. E. Foster, J. Thornton, and R. J. Krass.

1,500 or more: W. C. Allen, W. M. Malone, T. E. Dye, W. B. Simpson, and L. Folse.

1,000 or more: J. N. Lockard, L. Chin, W. G. Morre, K. Clapham, H. H. Norton, H. Grun, A. G. Padgett, W. B. Hedge, W. G. Reece, C. J. Haines, E. A. Robison, W. M. Howard, L. P. Terrill, C. F. Jackson, R. N. Whitten, D. L. Latham, and K. N. Woods.

550 hours: G. P. Abler, M. L. Spaight, J. S. Dart, E. R. Sweeten, W. G. London, A. J. McClain, N. J. Cole, J. M. McLelland, O. E. Ogden, W. W. Gromatzky, H. G. Gunst, M. Steen, W. A. Hoose, B. E. Sullins, W. R. Johnson, J. F. Teague, and B. C. Mayfield.

Academic instructors taught AF students

At the close of operations of the Hondo airbase in 1958, many Hondoans were involved in the academic instruction operation of the cadets. See how many of these names you recognize:

M. S. Shelton, W. A. Taylor, Robert Habermacher, I. T. Gore, Bud Norman, T. V. James, Fay Rath, Imogene Pimm, Alleen Koch, A. L. Burns, Jerome Finger, J. F. Coleson, J. W. Terrell, W. P. Parker, N. E. Woolls, T. O. Cummings, James Combs, O. W. Sparks, R. C. Lyncy, W. C. Shockley, G. L. McWilliams, J. H. Decker, David Habermacher, W. A. Breidenbach, J. R. Vanderburg, V. L. Clower, Dick McWilliams, Charles Pimm, and B. C. Probst.

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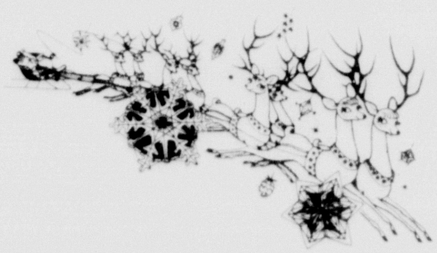

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Dec. 10-14

MONDAY -- Hamburgers, Fritos, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Oatmeal Cake.

TUESDAY -- Meat Loaf (catsup), Corn, Spinach, Hot Rolls, Butter and Jelly.

WEDNESDAY -- Chili Con Carne, Noodles, Slaw, Cornbread, Butter, Jelly.

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"Also, look in the attic or storage room for items to use. For example, an old kerosene lantern painted green and red--trimmed with a silver and gold bow--adds a lively touch of color.

"Or, cover the mailbox completely with red oil cloth," she said.

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BLUEBIRD NEWS

Sweet Tweet Blue Birds

The Sweet Tweet Blue Bird group met at the home of the leader, Mrs. Oliver Martin, on November 20, 1973.

The business meeting was held and Deann Balzen was elected Chaplain.

Monette Mumme's mother served refreshments.

The project for this meeting was making potato turkeys for Thanksgiving.

--Kim Winkler, reporter

Happy Face Blue Birds

We started the meeting by saying the Blue Bird Wish. Janet Lutz was the only one absent.

We colored invitation cards for the Mother and Daughter Coffee meeting which will be held Saturday, Dec. 15, 1973, in the Edcational Building of the Methodist Church from 2-4 p.m.

We have started practicing Christmas carols, and later we played some games while refreshments were being prepared by Courtnay Rogers' mother. We had brownies and orange juice.

--Velma Garcia, reporter

Art League meets

The Hondo Art League will hold its Christmas program and regular business meeting Monday, December 10th, at 7:30 at City Hall.

Members are asked to bring a few Christmas goodies for refreshments.

XYZ Club meets

The XYZ Club will meet December 6 (tonight) at 6:30 p.m. in the O. M. Redus home for a Christmas Dinner.

Games and exchange of gifts will follow.

Ann Gay Jones weds Earl Walker

Now at home in Kingsville are Mr. and Mrs. Earl Renwick Walker, who were united in marriage Saturday, December 1, 1973, in St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Hondo, with the Rev. Robert W. Silverman officiating.

The groom is the son of Dale R. Walker of Kingsville.

The former Ann Gay Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph J. Jones chose an Aida sheer Sotopeau Victorian style bridal gown with reembroidered alencon lace, with a high collar, see-thru yoke with full sleeves with appliques of lace. The empire A-line skirt extended into a cathedral length train with appliques and hem edged in lace. Her headpiece was a Juliet crown of reembroidered lace and outlined in clusters of pearl and flowing illusion veil in elbow length.

She carried a bouquet of giant glamelia with baby's breath, pearls and satin.

The matron of honor was Mrs. Dale Walker Jr. and the bridesmaids were Johanna Word and Gail Mueck, sorority sisters of the bride., and Carol Lockwood.

They wore identical full length gowns of blue crepe with French blue velvet trim, and carried nosegays of blue mums and silver baby's breath with silver and French blue velvet ribbon.

Best man was Dale Walker, brother of the groom, and the groomsmen were James Walker, brother of the groom, and Glenn Ryan and Richard Dianda. Ushers were Steve and Michael Jones, brothers of the bride.

Preceding the ceremony, Steve Hackebeil presented traditional music on the organ.

Sorority sister of the bride, Cyndee Remmert, sang "The Lord's Prayer," "Sometimes," and "The First Time I Saw Your Face." Tall burning tapers in branched candelabra flanked the altar along with floor baskets of white gladiola, blue mums and greenery.

At a reception honoring the newlyweds in St. John's Hall, the bride's and groom's tables were laid with light blue cloths with white net overlays and skirts of white ruffled net.

Refreshments were served from silver and crystal appointments. Mmes. Ralph Jones Jr., Stephen Jones, James Walker, Richard Rohrbach, and Barbara Ciavarra presided at the serving tables.

Anna Renken registered guests at the bride's book, and Jill Renken and Robin and Linda Lee Amberson distributed rice bags. David Renken served as acolyte at the wedding ceremony.

After the reception the newlyweds departed for a trip to Mexico.

CYO Youth banquet

Seven area Catholic Youth were among those honored at a Youth Leaders Banquet held October 30 in observance of Youth Week 1973.

The banquet, held in Villita Assembly Hall and sponsored by the Department of Youth Activities Antonio, featured Morris Frank of the Houston Chronicle as master of ceremonies. Sports achievement awards were presented by television sportscaster George Wood.

Awards for outstanding youth achievement were handed out by Archbishop Francis J. Furey.

Accepting Outstanding Youth awards from St. John's parish in Hondo were Clay Rodriguez and Rhonda Graff.

From D'Hanis, representatives were Robert J. Rothe and Joan E. Nester.

Castroville's St. Louis parish was represented by Joey Weiblen and Debbie Persyn.

A special Eagle of the Cross Award, one of only five presented annually in the archdiocese, went to Reggie Pedroza of Hondo.

Attending from Hondo were Mr. and Mrs. John L. Graff, Mr. and Mrs. Atilano Rodriguez, Alex Barrientes, and Terry Nira.

Attending from D'Hanis were Father Victor Schmidtzinsky, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rothe, and Mr. and Mrs. John J. Nester.

This week

All she wrote

by Edna McDade

A single, one only, ripe strawberry can look mighty impressive atop a dab of dressing atop a fruit salad - specially if it happens to be the first fruit of a fall crop of a sole surviving plant which originated in the flower bed of Mrs. ARMIN ROTHE, and was transplanted [with others] by GARY WALCH in my back yard at 2807 Ave. L. The vines produced enough berries to divide with the neighbors occasionally.

We have added new plants, now dotted with snowy white blooms, cnd if a freeze doesn't get 'em, we hope to.

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If there are any dahlia growers in Hondo who are inclined to compare sizes of the gorgeous blooms, they can be glad that they will not have to conform to metric measurements.

Word from London is that the National Dahlia Society has ruled that flowers exhibited at its shows must be measure in milimeters. As for instance: large, 260 mm; medium 220 mm; and so on down to miniatures 115 mm and pompoms 50 mm.

Britain is slowly "going metric" and, it seems inevitabl that the U.S. will be headed thataway before too many years. Mmmmmm, not for mmmme!

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IRIS BADER wrote to tell me that the 1973 Homecoming was a heartwarming success. She is aware of the responsibilities of serving as president for the next one, but if dedication and hard work are what it takes, the 1975 Homecoming is already on its way to success.

Iris also told me about the bazaar held by the Junior Service League, where she bought an owl-decorated milk stool which she just "couldn't resist" because of the Owls. "Man, how I could have used this in those days when I sat under the cow. I usually sat on an old tin bucket and it got kinda cold when the north wind came whistling through the barbwire fence!"

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A school superintendent in California is "set against" coloring books for children. He says "teaching kids to color between little black lines is antithetical to education."

Antithetical? Wonder if the kids know about that?

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With daughter Donna a cheerleader at HHS and now the Owl Football Sweetheart for 1973-74, Daddy John Poerner will just have to win the race for U. S. Congressman, 21st district, to keep the "winning" streak going.

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To paraphrase an old song, "There are signs that make us happy, there are signs that make some folks mad . . ." If the lady who voiced objection had directed her misspent energies into constructivecriticism instead of just blowing off steam [anonymously, at that] it might have helped the offending merchants to mend the error of their ways and paved the way for more satisfied customers.

"Life is not so short but that there is always time enough time for courtesy" is among many sage observation of Ralph Waldo Emerson.

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John's "chore" at the monthly sales meeting conducted by his firm was to present what he called a quiz for the College of Piscatorial Knowledge.

I saw the exam papers first and from them learned that the first braided fishing line was made in A.D. 200 from the tail of a white stallion and the first artificial fly apeared the same year.

Siwash Indians in North America are credited with the original fixed spool [spinning] reels by the 15th century; fishing rods in use then were 15 feet long. And history says the first mentionof rods [cane] and illustrations of their use by the Egyptians made news in 2000 B.C.

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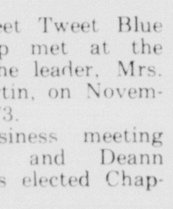

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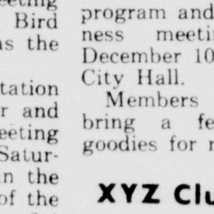

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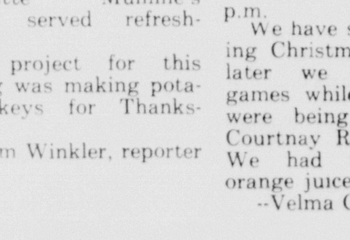

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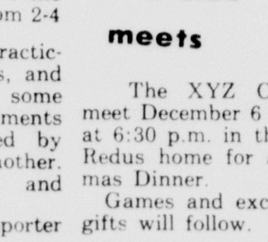

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DISTRICT BAND-- WOODWINDS AND PERCUSSION

Percussion and woodwind players from Hondo Owl Band took fifteen slots in District Band Saturday in Hondo tryouts. They are [Front row, l-r]: Elsie Gonzales, Kay Schulte, Rhonda Hare, Debbie Aelvoet, Dottie Woolls, and Diane Hartmann. [Back row]: Jan Nixon, Dawna Wernette, Gary Haass, Emily Cox, Debbie Krenmueller, Mariette Aelvoet, Linda Bendele, Carol DeMontel, and Jenifer Hoyt.

DISTRICT BAND-- BRASS

These Hondo Owl Band brass players won seats in the District Band tryouts held Saturday in Hondo. They are [front row, l-r]: Terry Nira, Terri Young, Elsie Villarreal, Anna Gonzales, and Lee Beard. [Back row]: Belinda Wernette, Freda Brookshire, Skipper Blackshear, Richard Herring, Marcine Bendele, and Ken Rutherford.

Hondo Band students in All-District

Twenty-six Hondo High School Band students were named to the All-District Band in tryouts held here in Hondo last weekend. Twenty-four of these students will be eligibie to compete for the All-Region Band in Devine on December 15th. Hondo placed more students in the Band than any school in the District.

Those students placing in the District Band were:

Piccolo: Dottie Woolls.

Bb Clarinet: Rhonda Hare, Debbie Aelvoet, Diane Hartmann, Emily Cox, Kay Schulte, Elsie Gonzales.

Bas Clarinet: Debbie Krenmueller.

Alto Clarinet: Mariette Aelvoet.

Oboe: Jenifer Hoyt, Carol DeMontel.

Tenor Saxophone: Linda Bendele.

Trumpet: Theresa Nira, Anna Gonzales, Elsa Villarreal, Terri Young.

French Horn: Belinda Wernette.

Baritone: Lee Beard, Ken Rutherford.

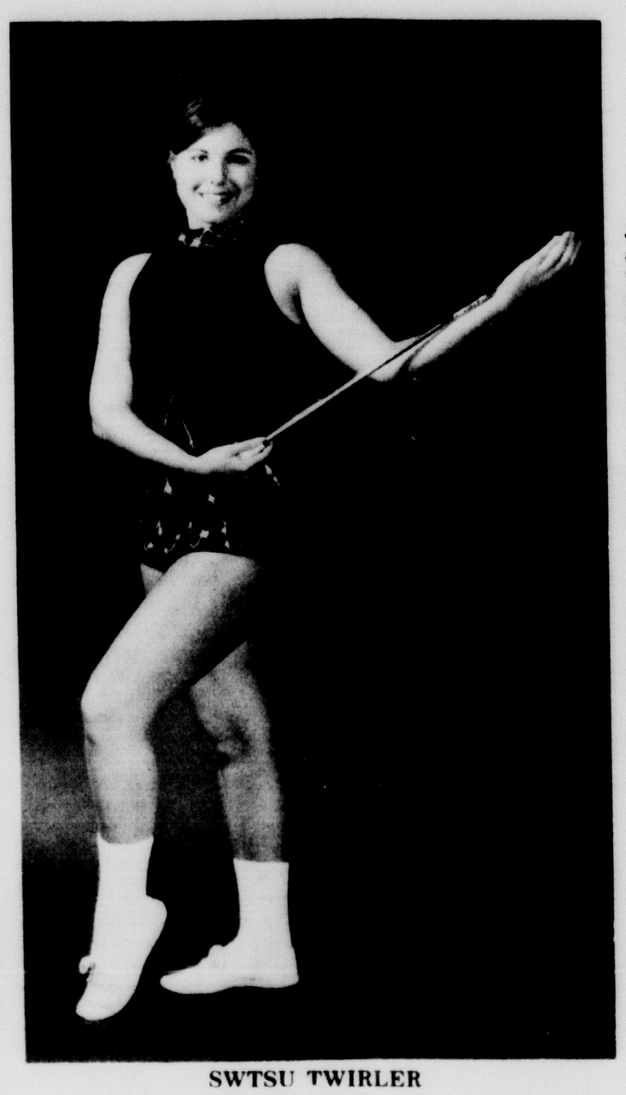
Trombone: Alfreda Brookshire.

Tuba: Maurice Blackshear, Marcine Bendele, Richard Herring.

Percussion I: Dawna Wernette.

Percussion II: Jan Nixon.

Tympani: Gary Haass.



SWTSU TWIRLER

Miss Denise Bartelt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Bartelt of Kerrville and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Bendele of 1100 24th St., Hondo, performed December 2 in the Astrodome with the Southwest Texas State University Band.

Sister Mary Cecilia Jasik dies in San Antonio

Sister Mary Cecilia Jasik died Nov. 16, 1973, at a San Antonio Hospital where she had been seriously ill since October. She was born August 19, 1930, graduated from Pleasanton High School and Our Lady of the Lake College. On August 12, 1951, Leona Mae Jasik became Sister Mary Cecilia as she was happily professed to the Benedictine Convent.

Sister Cecilia always worked very energetically at her profession as well as her career which she continued for 24 years as teacher and administrator of Benedictine-staffed schools of the archdiocese.

She spent several years teaching at Sacred Heart, St. Benedicts School and Holy Spirit in the Alamo City. Her recent assignments at St. Albert's Hall in Boerne included chairmanship of the high school department of business education and curriculum consultant for the English Institute as well as work in the newly-established elementary division as a continuance of the non-graded program she developed at Holy Spirit School in San Antonio.

Holy Spirit was subsequently named a demonstration school in the network of model institutions listed by the Texas Education Agency this past term.

Sister Cecilia will be greatly missed by many friends and relatives as her personality attracted everyone who met her. She had a special inner-glow that radiated throughout her life and engulfed everyone as an inspiration to both young and old. She was an inspiration to hundreds of people.

Her death is specially a great loss to Fran and Ferdie Batot and family. The Benedictine Sisters of Boerne have become their very dear friends as a result of many visits to see Fran's sister, Sister Cecilia.

Engagement Announced

Mrs. Bernice Finger of D'Hanis announces the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Marilyn, to Charles Ballard, son of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Ballard of Morley, Missouri.

The couple will wed on Saturday, January 19, 1974.

The bride-elect is the daughter of the late James Finger of D'Hanis.

Annette Aelvoet feted

Miss Annette Aelvoet was honored November 23 with a Rice Bag Luncheon in the home of Mrs. Jimmy Jordan.

Place settings were beautifully accented with burgundy place mats and a floral arrangement of burgandy roses and white spider chrysanthemums. After the luncheon, rice bags were made by the guests.

Hostesses were Mrs. Betty Jordan and daughter, Rebecca, and Mrs. Rene Garrison and daughter, Marcy.

November 24, in the home of Mrs. Julius Aelvoet, Annette was honored with a shower tea. The serving table was laid with a gold linen table cloth centered with a fall arrangement of flowers.

In the receiving line was Mrs. Julius Aelvoet, the honoree, and her mother, Mrs. Rene Aelvoet. Also in the line were Mrs. Fred McMinn from Odessa, mother of the groom-elect; Mrs. Frank Aelvoet, grandmother of the bride-elect; Mrs. Edward Dausin and Mrs. Gene Van Kerckhove.

Miss Rebecca Jordan attended the Bride's Book; serving were Jeanette and Mariette Aelvoet, sisters of the bride-elect, aad Debbie Aelvoet.

Hostesses were Mmes. Douglas Bohmfalk, Tony Zerr, Wilbur Lindeburg, John Schueling, Jerome Bendele, Kenneth Bendele, Walter Kriewald, John Muennink, Robert Graff, Albert Saathoff, Floyd Saathoff, Edgar Saathoff, Stanley Mumme, S. H. Parsons, Jack Howard, Bob Van de Walle, Cyril Van Damme, Donald Muennink, Charles Halbardier, Julius Aelvoet, Ralph Gilliam and George Koch.

In the home of Mrs. Edward Dausin of San Antonio, Annette was also honored with a crystal shower. Hostesses were her aunts. Mrs. Dean Snieder attended the Brides' Book and serving were Beverly Dausin, Karen Persyn, and Debbie Aelvoet.

Hondo couple visit New York

Miss Phyllis Chapman and her grandmother, Mrs. Ida Muennink, have returned from a two-week visit by car to New York and other interesting points in the northeast part of the country.

They visited Atlantic City and Washington, D. C. where they saw Arlington Cemetery.

In Matawan, New Jersey, they visited Mr. and Mrs. Ted Dalaia. Ted was a barber atthe Airbase in its early days and the two lived in Hondo.

Viewing many beautiful sites, the two visited Lynchburg, Tennessee, and toured the oldest distillery in the state, built in 1866. They also went through the Smokey Mountains.

Cheer Aiders bring games to Brown's

The Cheer Aiders, an organization dedicated to aiding and entertaining the patients of Brown's Nursing Home, held a games party on Wednesday, November 28, at the nursing center.

In charge was Judy Dittmar, with other volunteers, Kay McWilliams and Mrs. Brookshire assisting. Nearly all residents of the home took part.

Friday, November 30, the group held a card and domino party. A new volunteer, Mrs. Tarr, was in charge of this activity. Residents playing dominoes were Mrs. John Neuman, Mrs. Owens, and Mrs. Love. Playing pitch at another table were Johanna Leinweber with her partner Eddie Riff, and Mrs. Haby, partner of Mr. Marquis.

Monday morning, December 3, a craft session was held in which residents worked on Christmas decorations. Taking part in this activity were Johanna Leinweber, Mrs. Neuman, Mrs. Haby, and Mrs. Owens. Volunteer in charge was Judy Winkler.

AL Auxiliary purchases wheel chair

Purchase of a wheel chair was reported at the Nov. 27 meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Post 128.

"Any one needing the use of the wheel chair," President Clair Westbrook said, " can do so free of charge by contacting Mrs. Frank (Sis) Graff."

President Westbrook also said: "In order to carry out our projcets such as Christmas gifts to patients in Veterans hospitals, sending girls to Girls State and promoting Americanism, we need the participation of all Veteran's wives. To join the Auxiliary, you may contact Mrs. Elmer Hargrove, membership chairman."

The president also pointed out that there are three college scholarships available to children of Veterans through the Auxiliary.

Mrs. Foxworth, president of the Castroville Auxiliary and a district chairman, opened the meeting.

HERE IN HONDO

Visiting Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Zerr and Dale were Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Sizemore, Linda and Susan of Pearland; and Mrs. Chester Balzen of San Antonio. They also visited with Mrs. Rosa Brucks.

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INJURED IN CRASH . . Manuel Reyes Jr. and Beatrice Herrera were injured in this crash which happened about 10:30 a.m. Sunday on the Bandera Highway. Reportedly, Reyes lost control of the car and crashed. He is in Bexar County Hospital and is reported to be in need of facial surgery. Beatrict Herrera has been returned to Medina Memorial Hospital. [Photo by Tony Mendoza]

One manufacturer has created maternity clothes for dogs.

PATTER SPOTLIGHTS

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Blanton Taylor — Jim Amberson

Blanton P. Taylor was employed by TAI June 5, 1956. His first duties were Sheet-metal Specialist in A-C Maint. In July 1957, he was transferred to Academic Training Dept. as Athletic Instructor. Blanton and his wife, Cap Wools Taylor, are both natives of Hondo and they have two children — girls.

James E. Amberson, Jr. has been employed by TAI since February 1, 1953. It has been under his capable leadership that the physical training program at HAB has met with such success, having produced outstanding teams in the Southwest Student Athletic Conference.

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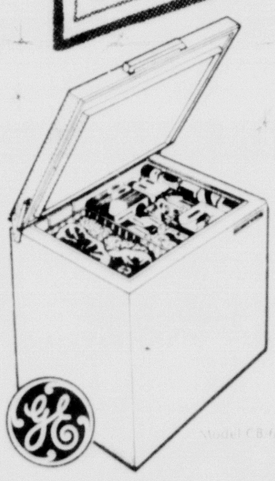

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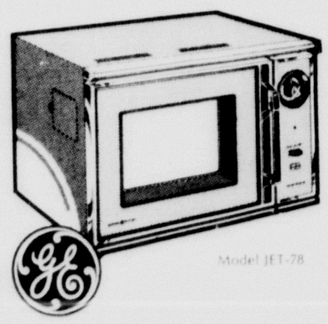

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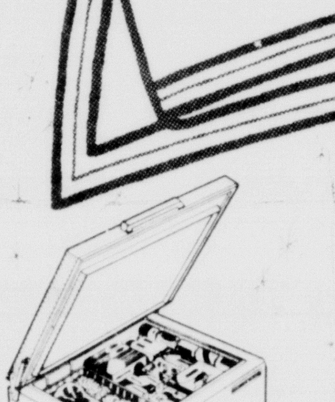

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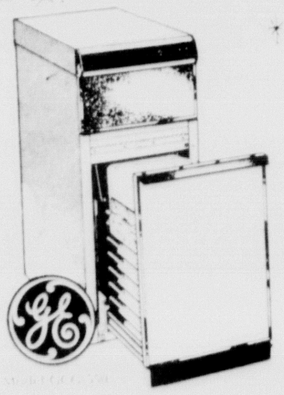

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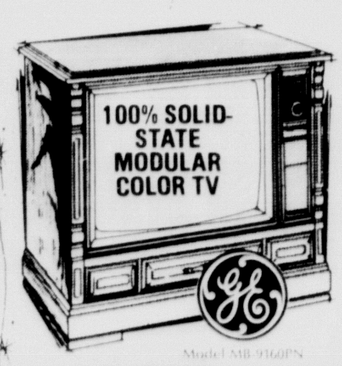

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Natalia & Chacon Lake News

Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Allison had as their house guests from Wednesday until Saturday her daughter and son-in-law, the E. L. Helmcamps from Buckville, Arkansas, and her granddaughter and family, the Virgil M. Wilkersons of Fort Worth. Mrs. Allison's daughter and family, the Roy L. Williams, San Antonio, came out Sunday for the afternoon and enjoyed a belated Thanksgiving dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. George Date, Georgetown, and Mrs. Catherine Dewey, Houston, arrived Thursday and visited through Saturday with their mother, Mrs. Winnie Tilley. Mrs. Tilley, the Darts and Miss Arila Crawford attended the wedding Saturday afternoon of Mrs. Tilley's grandson, Frank Dart and Miss Monica Dyvlecka at the catholic church in Jourdanton.

Mrs. John L. Kempf returned home Tuesday after a weekend visit in California with her daughter and family, the Robert Stewarts in Hawthorne, and her son and daughter-in-law, the Marvin Kempfs in Torrance. She attended the wedding of her granddaughter, Miss Carol Boenish and Christopher Price at the Calvary Presbyterian Church in Hawthorne on Saturday.

The Kenneth D. Walkers motored to Fort Worth on Thursday to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law, Roy Maltby, 51, and to visit his sister, Mrs. Maltby, the former Clytee Walker.

The Iven W. Thompsons and her sister-in-law, Mrs. W. Homer Gandy, returned to the Thompson's home Monday evening after visiting since Saturday with her sister, Mrs. Janie Blackstock, in Lamesa and her brother, Mr. Norman Gandy, Patricia. They enjoyed a belated Thanksgiving dinner at Mrs. Blackstock's home on Sunday. The threesome motored to Pearsall Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Gandy visited Miss Queen Laxton and the Thompsons visited the A. A. Neals in the Frio Hospital where Mr. Neal has been a patient for the past eight months. Mrs. Gandy returned to her home in SugarLand Wednesday.

D'Hanis news

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P Ephraim during the Thanksgiving holidays were Mrs. Verna Deckert, sister of Mrs. Ephraim, of San Marcos and Chaplain and Mrs. Paul Ephraim and sons of Denton, Texas.

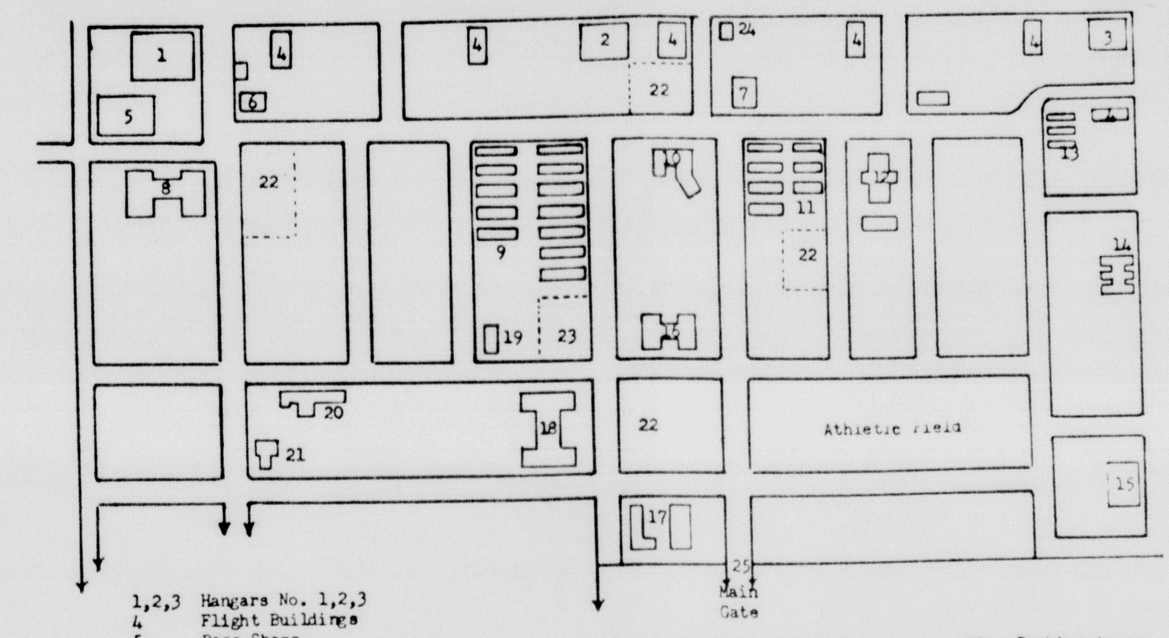
Mrs. Joe M. Zinsmeyer, Cathy Zinsmeyer, Kim Zinsmeyer and Mrs. Mattie Kimmerly returned to their Amarillo home after spending the Thanksgiving holidays in the home of the Dean Zinsmeyers and visiting with relatives and friends. Joe M. Zinsmeyer remained for an extended visit.

David Merrit of Houston spent Saturday night and Sunday in the home of the Louis Richters.

Mrs. Ben Zerr, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Koch and Charles and Mrs. Pauline Scott and Marilyn spent Thanksgiving in San Antonio with the Tom Wall family. The Don Scotts of Natalia joined them in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. David McGehee and baby daughter of Pearsall spent Saturday night and Sunday in the home of the Lawrence Carle family. Numerous relatives and friends made the acquaintance of little Mary McGehee.

Mrs. Bernice Finger spent the weekend in Houston with her daughter, Marilyn Finger.



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5 Base Shops
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7 Flight Operations
8 Supply
9 Cadet Barracks
10 Cadet and Civilian Cafeteria, HAB Club
11 BOQ
12 Theatre-Academics
13 Link Trainer
14 Cadet Supply, Reproduction
15 Gymnasium
16 Cadet Club
17 Chapel
18 Headquarters
19 Hobby Shop
20 Dispensary
21 Fire Station
22 Parking Areas
23 Tennis Courts
24 Tower
25 Main Gate

HAB Map used in 50's

CAR-TRAIN VICTIM . Edmund J. Rehm of Seguin, 54, suffered chest and internal injuries when his pickup truck was struck by a train late Friday afternoon at he Avenue M crossing of the Southern Pacific tracks. Taken to a San Antonio hospital, Rehm is currently in fair condition.

Quality hay guarentees good grazing

Livestock producers in Medina County can take the guesswork out of hay quality with forage tests, says County Extension Agent Glenn Bragg.

When animals receive adequate nutrition, beef gains, milk production and general health are improved. So, it's important for producers to know the nutritive value of their hay.

And the most accurate way to determine nutrients in hay is by a protein analysis test. Two recent tests conducted for producers indicated that one had hay with 14.4 percent and the other had 6.5 percent crude protien hay.

The two main factors influencing hay quality are the amount of fertilizer applied and the stage of growth when cut. Adequate amounts of fertilizer will improve protein, enhance rapid growth and produce lush, leafy forage, while harvesting before hay matures will preserve the nutrient content.

Medina County hay and livestock producers should examine hay closely for soft, pliable stems, plenty of leaves and an absence of seedheads, advises Bragg.

The Forage Testing Laboratory at Texas A&M University and other labs throughout the state can determine the amount of protein, energy and other quality components in hay. The service costs $3 per sample at the A&M lab.

Forms and information for gathering hay samples are available at the county Extension office.

"Last year, forage analyses showed a wide variation in hay quality, as indicated above," notes Bragg. "A lot of hay had adequate nutrients for nonlactating beef cows, but much was deficient for a cow with a young calf."

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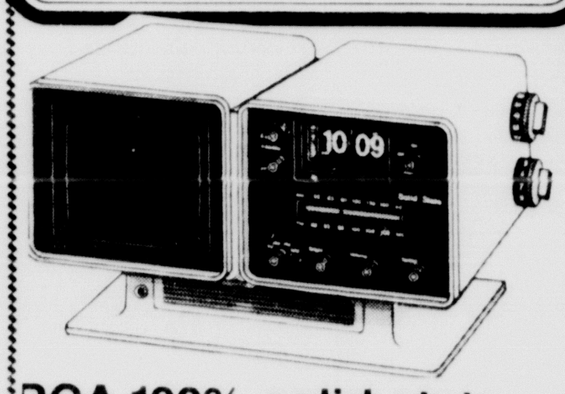

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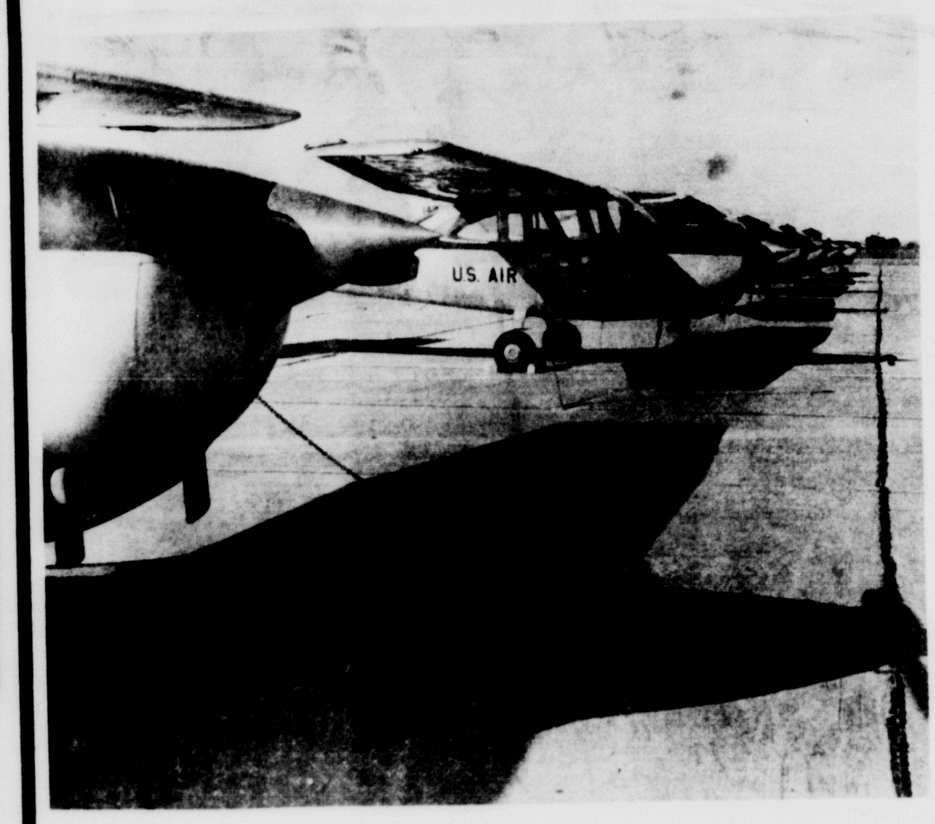

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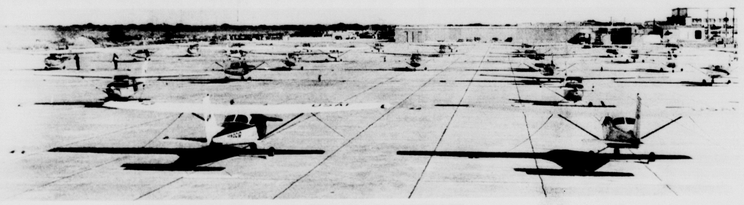

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10:30 a.m. -Sentry dog demonstration

11:00 a.m. -Sailplane demonstration

11:20 a.m.-Parachute jump

11:30 a.m. - Radio controlled airplane demonstration

11:45 A.M. —Fire suppression demonstration

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Control ticks on cattle

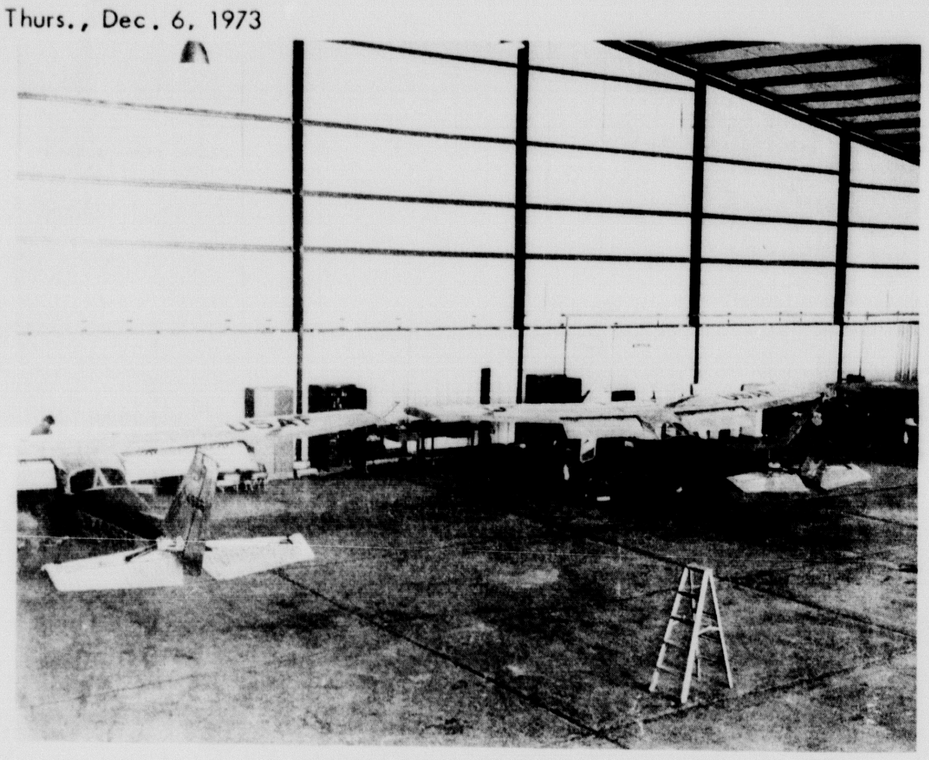
Medina County farmers and ranchers should begin watching their cattle for winter tick population build-ups, advises Glenn Bragg, County Agent for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Ticks are blood-sucking parasites that can cause losses to cattle through loss of blood, weakened condition, reduced feed conversion efficiency and increased susceptibility to diseases and nutritional disorders. The winter tick, as its name implies, attacks primarily during the winter months when animals are in their poorest nutritional state, thus creating an extra burden on the animan's defenses.

Effective tick control can be accomplished economically with modern spray and dip materials. Thorough coverage with the insecticidal material is necessary for best control, cautions Bragg. Dipping assures coverage, but sprays can be effectively used if careful attention is given to thoroughly wetting the hair coat to the skin.

Before purchasing and applying livestock insecticides, carefully read the label and pay particular attention to precautions and restrictions listed, notes the County Agent. Note the slaughter intervals as clearly stated on the label.

Information on tick control materials is available from the County Extension office.



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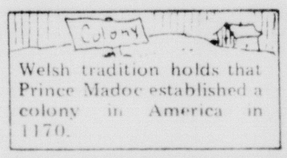

Welsh tradition holds that Prince Madoc established a colony in America in 1170.

«« Past History Of Hondo Field »»

4 July, 1942—Activation of Field.

13 July, 1942—Arrival of 369th Squadron from Kelly Field.

21 July, 1942—Arrival of 843rd, 844th, 845th and 847th School Sqdns. from Harlingen, Texas.

4 August, 1942—Opening of Hondo Field's Technical Library.

10 August, 1942—First cadets arrive at Hondo Army Air Field from Kelly.

17 August, 1942—First navigation class to receive complete course here begins studies.

19 September, 1942—Opening of the Post Theater.

25 September, 1942—Opening of the Enlisted Men's Service Club.

1 October, 1942—Opening of the Post Library.

1 November, 1942—Colonel George B. Dany becomes Hondo Army Air Field's Commanding Officer.

3 November, 1942—Lt. Col. C. H. Childre becomes Director of Training.

26 November, 1942—Class 42-16 is graduated.

1 December, 1942—Field periodicals, among them "Log" and "Beam" came out with their first issues between 1 December and 1 April.

12 December, 1942—Opening of Officers' Club.

21 January, 1943—Start of class in practical navigation for administrative officers.

20-29 February, 1943—Period of opening of Civilian War Housing Barracks on Field.

23 March, 1943—Opening of Bowling Alleys.

23 April, 1943—Best barracks area campaign which resulted in considerable improvement of barracks and areas on the Field was started.

18 May, 1943—Class in practical navigation expanded to include civilian women and more officers.

28 May, 1943—First cadre of WAACs arrive on Field.

17 June, 1943—Opening of Cadet Recreation Camp, "Camp Raunchy Grande," at Medina Lake.

1 July, 1943—Opening of the Hondo Navigation Village, tract of 52 acres on the south-eastern corner of Field. Consist of 330 units ranging up to three bedroom units and rent.ng for between twenty-one and twenty-eight dollars per month.

4 July, 1943—Hondo Army Air Field Navigation School celebrates first anniversary. Receives the following tribute from Major General Gerald C. Brant, on the occasion of its first birthday: "Where ever the AAF can reach the enemy, the results of Hondo Navigation School are being felt. Colonel G. B. Dany, Commanding Officer, and his staff are entitled to the warmest congratulations for their tireless fruitful efforts."

16 July, 1943—WAACs at Hondo become WACs. Having proved themselves, to quote Colonel Dany, " . . . efficient workers and splendid soldiers . . . "

6 August, 1943—San Marcos and Hondo Army Air Field participate in one of many navigation contests. San Marcos won this by a small margin. The many school contests did much to inspire cadets to become better navigators.

23 August, 1943—Opening of the Hondo Field Swimming Pool.

27 August, 1943—The WACs take their oath of allegiance in the Army and Colonel Dany reviews his troops.

3 September, 1943—An experimental class, one of the many first in navigation training originated by Hondo Field, results in the awarding of navigator wings to eight enlisted men. Experiment won high comment from many authorities and proved great success.

8 October, 1943—Hondo navigates perfect mission to Detroit. Beats San San Marcos.

15 October, 1943—Official opening of the Cadet Club.

17-21 October, 1943—This Field receives a rating of Superior from the Inspector General's Department following a thorough and detailed examination of the entire Post by visiting inspectors.

12 November, 1943—First "All-American Navigation Contest" held. San Marcos, Hondo and Selman Field compete. All entries do excellent job in very bad weather. "Production Line Maintenance" (PLM) is put into effect on the line to increase efficiency and cut down working hours.

3 December, 1943—800 of the Post civilian workers receive duty awards.

10 December, 1943—We pay tribute to the Air WACs.

31 December, 1943—On that day one of the many Hondo graduates who have performed outstanding service in combat zones, Lt. Theodore Stewart, is decorated with the Air Medal, six Oak Leaf Clusters and the Distinguished Flying Cross with one Oak Leaf Cluster.

28 January, 1944—Outstanding purchases of bonds wins Bond Flag for Hondo Army Air Field's Sub-Depot.

1 February, 1944—First reorganization of Field. This reorganization was chiefly administrative in scope. Purpose was to streamline training, cut down number of men needed to operate the Post.

1 March, 1944—Further reorganization of Field. Cutting down of personnel goes forward.

7 March, 1944—Twelve Hondo officers leave on detached service to assist in the preparation of training literature needed for the new standardized program of navigation instruction.

16 March, 1944—Brig. General N. B. Harbold, 80th Flying Training Wing, visits Hondo Army Air Field.

4 April, 1944—Navigation conference takes place at Hondo Army Air Field.

28 April, 1944—On-the-Line trainees arrive at Hondo Army Air Field. These trainees were formed by the recently inaugurated Army policy of giving future cadets training as line mechanics.

1 May, 1944—Two new Celestial Navi-Trainers are put into operation. Returning combat navigators assume duties of instructors. Twenty-week navigation course is started.

24 May, 1944—Major General Ray E. Porter, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, and a party of distinguished visitors inspect the activities of Hondo Army Air Field. Among the visitors were Col. James B. Burwell, first officer to be in command of Hondo Field. Colonel Burwell is now on duty in Washington. Hondo Field soldiers go on bivouac.

7 June, 1944—Mrs. Ethel A. Shelby, Special Field Assistant to the director of civilian women pilots visited Hondo Field to observe training methods for Hondo Field WASPs.

24 June, 1944—Hondo Army Air Field Navigation School graduates 29th class of navigators.

4 July, 1944—Hondo Field celebrates 2nd anniversary.

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HANGAR No. 1

Top: General view of Hangar No. 1.

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Of about 80 employees — including the shops — 29 are on Periodic Inspections — the very heart of maintenance.

A routine periodic inspection is performed on each T-6 aircraft every 75 hours. Requiring from 35-40 manhours, periodic are numbered consecutively and are exacting.

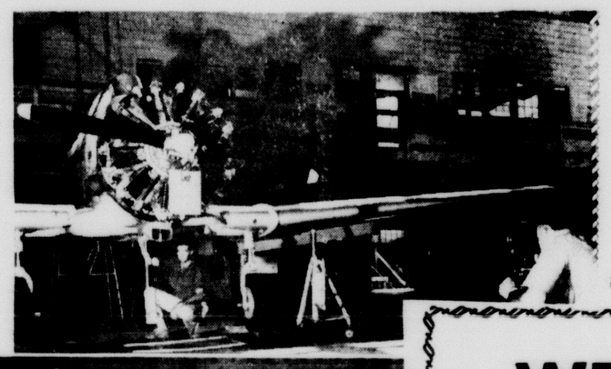
For instance, while some items are on some inspections, retraction tests and instruments checks are performed on all.

In upper right picture, Crew Chief Oscar Davenport wth Marvin Ehlinger and E. H. Frazier are checking gear.

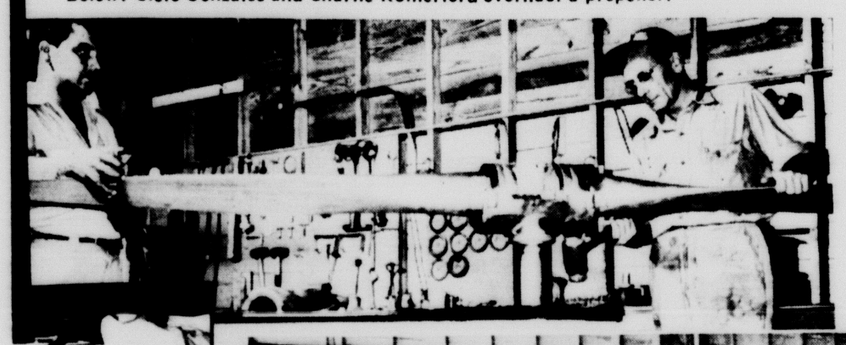
The top picture, lower right, is a good example of exacting duty: Eddie Bomer and Ep Finger are checking aircraft alignment with the aid of a transit. Alignment is checked after hard landings, improper flight characteristics, and can be checked to within 1-16 of an inch!

Right: Crew Chief Oscar Davenport assisted by Marvin Ehlinger and E. H. Frazier, are checking gear for proper operation.

Below: Eddie Bomer and Ep Finger check aircraft alignmen



Below: Cleto Gonzales and Charlie Rutherford overhaul a propeller.



Preventive maintenance is the secret of success in this business — that's why Periodic Inspection is the heart of Hangar 1. But also stated above is the fact that Hangar 1 is but a sample. Throughout aircraft maintenance are the pre and post-flight crews that mend the bones and are the beat of the heart. These will be featured in the future.

This month it's hats off to Hangar 1.

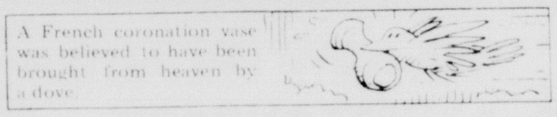
Left: George Steele and Eddie Bomer, Jr., look over damage.
Right: George Graff, A-C Maintenance Inspector, is performing quality control inspection while instrument Specialist Henry O. Norwood accomplishes the routine instrument inspection. Other mechanics shown are Ben Davenport, Joe Fillinger, and Clarence Gober.

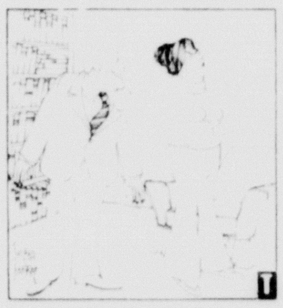
Monday Is Deadline For Signing Up For Blood Drive

Winn's VARIETY STORES

Jim Prenzler, Mgr.

No book about Hondo Air Base would be complete without a picture of the Hondo greeting sign. So, Dammit, here it is.





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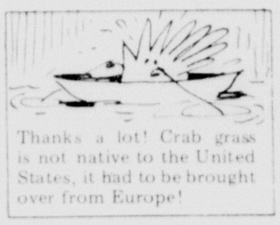

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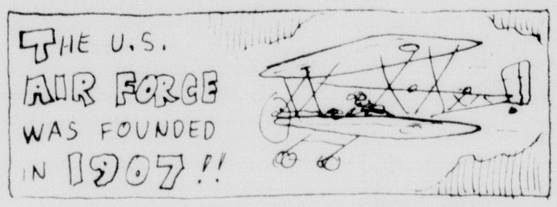

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Twelve members of the Hondo High School "Pre-Flight" class spent the day of Tuesday 16 May on Hondo Army Air Field to get the feel of a "typical day with a cadet." Several of the students are members of the Air Corps enlisted reserve.

The young men started their day on the Field with reveille and ended their day's experience with retreat. All the boys were assigned to different flights, and carried on the day doing the same duties as that of a navigation student.

These future soldiers, under instruction of Lt. Marvin O. Duncan, have touched on every phase of training offered by the Air Forces, including pilot, navigator, bombardier, gunner, radio operator and mechanic. Experts in evey line of training have briefed them in each category to give a clear view of the specific duty of various Air Crew members.

Those spending a 'Typical Cadet Day' were: Jim Amberson, August Koch, Jerome Decker, Robert Dominguez, Jimmy Duncan, Joe Fohn, Emanuel Lorfing, Richard Lynch, Harry Mueller, Charles Monkhouse, Harold Renken and Doyle Weber.

During the school year, these boys were enrolled in the Hondo High "Pre-Flight" class, which met daily with Lt. Duncan at 1130.

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Flight Screening Program — First step to wings

"WE DO NOT TRAIN PILOTS!" Lieutenant Colonel Anthony J. Gangol emphasized as he began showing his visitors the Flight Screening Program at Hondo, Tex., some 40 miles west of San Antonio.

"With only 16 training days and 11 training flights covering 14 hours, the most any student can learn is what to expect during the 47-week Undergraduate Pilot Training (UPT)," the veteran of two combat tours in Vietnam said.

Colonel Gangol is the chief of the U.S. Air Force Flight Screening Program. As such, he ences, Officer (SMSO), trainees who have apmonitors the screening of School of Military Sciplied for Undergraduate Pilot Training (UPT).

The Flight Screening Program is under Colonel John G. Schmitt Jr., deputy commander for flight operations, SMSO. The other portion is the Security Assistance Training Program, colocated at Hondo with Flight Screening. The Security Assistance Training Program trains foreign students prior to their entry into UPT and is a 30 flying hour program.

Physically and mentally qualified young men who apply for pilot training go through the first three weeks of officer school at Lackland AFB, Tex., along with other officer trainees. Then the potential pilots spend the next 16 training days at Hondo as a separate unit.

The successful ones then join the class which began SMSO as they entered flight screening to complete the last nine weeks of officer training.

Following commissioning, they will be assigned to one of eight UPT bases for 47 weeks of instruction in the T-37 and T-38 jet aircraft.

Air Force T-41s, a military version of the Cessna 172 with the rear seats removed, are used for the screening. This aircraft is similar to ones seen at any civilian airport and is used extensively by civilian flying services as a basic trainer for student pilots.

The actual screening is done by 30 instructor pilots (IPs) of the Del Rio Flying Service, a civilian contractor. Colonel Gangol and his handful of Air Force pilots give periodic "check flights" to assure the contractor continues to meet Air Force standards. They also test students who are doing exceptionally well or are on their last flight before elimination.

"Our instructors apply a great deal of pressure," Bruce Baize, contract manager, said. "The Air Force hired us to identify trainees who have the greatest potential as student pilots."

"This does not mean we have to eliminate a certain percentage," he continued. "We can pass or eliminate an entire class. A student doesn't compete with anyone but himself. He makes or breaks himself and his progress is irrelevant to the progress of any other student."

The academic portion of the screening process assumes the student has absolutely no knowledge of flying prior to entering the program. Memorization is limited to basic emergency procedures.

"The Air Force has already determined these young men have the mental and physical qualifications to become pilots. Our job is to determine if the individual has the coordination, perception and motivation to withstand the rigors of UPT," Mr. Baize said.

The screening begins with a short academic session and then the trainee meets the instructor who will fly with him for 14 hours. The same instructor will be with the student throughout the program and will fly in the right seat.

On his second flight, the student takes-off with the instructor's hand hovering near the control yoke. This continues through the 14 hours —the student is flying under the watchful eye and precise instructions of his IP.

The successful students eat, sleep and live flying during the three-week program, according to the IPs. One IP pointed out a group of trainees sitting around waiting for their flights. "I don't know any of those men," he said, "but I can tell you which ones won't make it."

He points to the long line of parked T-41s and indicates the three students who are practicing their pre-flight checks and familiarizing themselves with the cockpit arrangement. "They'll make it!" he says without hesitation.

A group of five students are sitting on the ramp near the hangar. Two are reading their flight manuals and grilling each other on the memorization work and the IP indicates they stand an excellent chance of succeeding.

The other three students are exchanging stories of their exploits at their alma maters. "They should have saved themselves the trip to the airport," the IP said. "They don't care if they become pilots and, consequently, they will not survive the screening process. Motivation is the thing which we can measure most accurately and they don't have it."

The three weeks are successful when, sometime after 10 hours of instruction, the IP directs the student to land and taxi to the hangar. "It's all yours," the IP says as he steps to the ground. "Take it around the field once and land."

Colonel Gangol offers several tips to aid the applicant through the screening process. "Before you enlist, go to a civilian airport and take a ride in a small plane. Many companies offer the first hour of instruction for five or ten dollars. You won't learn anything, really, except what it feels like to fly in a small plane and it won't be so new when you arrive at Hondo."

"Be sure of your motives," is the colonel's second suggestion. He points out that pilot training is the only route to commissioning which is currently wide-open. "Many college graduates feel they can enlist for pilot training and then fail the screening process and still be commissioned in a non-rated support area. This is not true. If an officer trainee is eliminated from flying training, he must compete for the extremely limited support positions with much tougher competition."

"Applicants should also be serious about the navigator portion of the Air Force Officer Qualifying Test," Colonel Gangol continues. "Then, if they are eliminated through our program, they may be eligible to go to Undergraduate Navigator Training providing their scores are high enough and the navigator program has vacancies."

Concluding with a seeming contradiction, Colonel Gangol said, "Relax. We are not here to 'get' you. We would like nothing better than to pass 100 per cent of the students and have them become pilots, but apprehension and fear precludes concentration on the instruction."

IP REES BUCKLES his seat belt as OT Endy reads the next step in the preflight manual. Although the trainee has committed the procedure to memory, he uses the manual to insure correct order is followed.

Base post office did 'land office' business in WWII

In 1942, the Hondo Post Office, under Acting Postmaster F. H. Holmig, showed postal receipts of $28,346.97. The following year, they rose to $60,487.19.

This was evidence of the enormous volume of mail that passed through he Hondo Post Office during the peak years of the war and of the operation at Hondo Air Base.

In order to make sure that the baggage cars of the passenger trains were loaded and unloaded; in order to sort the voluminous incoming mail into its various classifications and groups; and in order to send the countless daily G.I. letters to home safely on their way, the Post Office employed a task force of 39 employees.

Most of these were in the Post Office proper in Hondo, but a large part of the operation of base mail was handled in a branch office at Hondo Field.

Postmaster F. H. Hollmig, who had taken the job for the duration of the war, was a "Wartime Substitute" for recently elected regula postmaster Harry Filleman.

Harry had received his appointment to the head job in the Hondo Post Office just weeks before he received another letter which read, "Greetings..." When Harry went to war, an emergency appointment went to Hollmig, who was beyond draft age.

Other "wartime subs" went to work in the emergency years when young manpower was needed at the front and huge tasks lay ahead.

The employees included Clarence A. Haass, F. E. Schweers, Genevieve D. Brucks, Robert G. Pope, Welton Meyer, Anton Grell and E. J. Williams.

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Former Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert W. Calvert and panel of state legislators will discuss constitutional revision as part of the Semi-Annual Meeting of the Alamo Area Council of Governments on December 12. The meeting will be held in the Fiesta Rooms of San Antonio's Convention Center beginning with registration and coffee at 10:30 a.m.

Heading the agenda for the twice-yearly meeting of the Area Council, made up of representatives of each of AACog's 74 member governments, will be the election of new officers of the Executive Committee. San Antonio City Councilwoman Lila Cockrell has been nominated for chairman, and Alfred O. Bruns, representing Soil and Water Conservation Districts, has been nominated for vice chairman.

Following the joint business meeting of the Area Council and Executive Committee, a luncheon will be held in an adjoining room featuring a discussion of "Consitutional Revision: Proposals and Process." Justice Calvert will be guest speaker and will explain the proposals that the Constitutional Revision Commission, which he chaired, has submitted to the Constitutional Convention for consideration when it meets in January in Austin.

Following the address, a panel of area legislators, all of whom will serve as delegates to the Convention, will hold an informal discussion of the process for revision during the Convention. There will also be an opportunity for input by the local elected officials and public attending the luncheon to the panel of legislators. A primary area of interest of those present will be the impact that the new constitution could have on the various forms of local government in Texas.

Prior to the Semi-Annual Meeting, the Resource Conservation and Development Committee of AACOG will hold its annual meeting at 9:30 a.m., also in the Fiesta Rooms.

All parts of the Semi-Annual Meeting of AACOG will be open to the public and area citizens are urged to attend. Reservations for the luncheon only will be $5.00 per person and should be made with AACOG, 400 Three Americas Building, San Antonio 78205, no later than December 10.

Sgts. James Alexander of Personnel and Frank Culligan of Cadet Club.

PLAY BEGINS ON HONDO AIR BASE GOLF COURSE

Thanks to the untiring efforts of Colonel Riley, Hondo Air Base personnel have a golf course right at their doorstep. It is open every day of the week, except Monday, and all base personnel are urged to take advantage of this new recreational facility.

The following message was submitted to the PATTER by Colonel Riley:

To: All Personnel, Hondo Air Base

"I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the many personnel, civilian and military, who have assisted in the construction of the Hondo Air Base Golf Course.

"The Course was officially opened on 11 June 1955 after almost one year from the beginning of construction. Its opening was perhaps a little premature as we found that it didn't play quite as well as it looked from the distance, however, the improvement has been rapid and it is expected that within a few months we will have ourselves a first class golf course.

"The value of having such a facility at Hondo Air Base for the morale, health and welfare of all personnel, cannot be underestimated — the distance to similar type facilities prohibiting frequent participation.

"To those of you who have not been previously informed, the course is open to all base personnel either on a daily or monthly dues basis, whichever you prefer. Off base guests are welcome and invited to play, however, monthly membership privileges cannot be extended to those personnel.

"It is with deep gratification that I say 'Thanks' to those of you have assisted in the construction of the golf course."

EARL V. RILEY
Lt. Col., USAF
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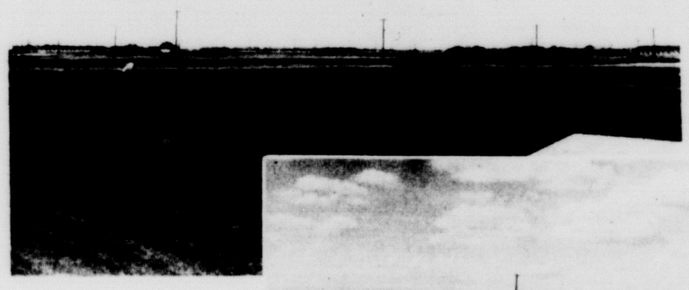

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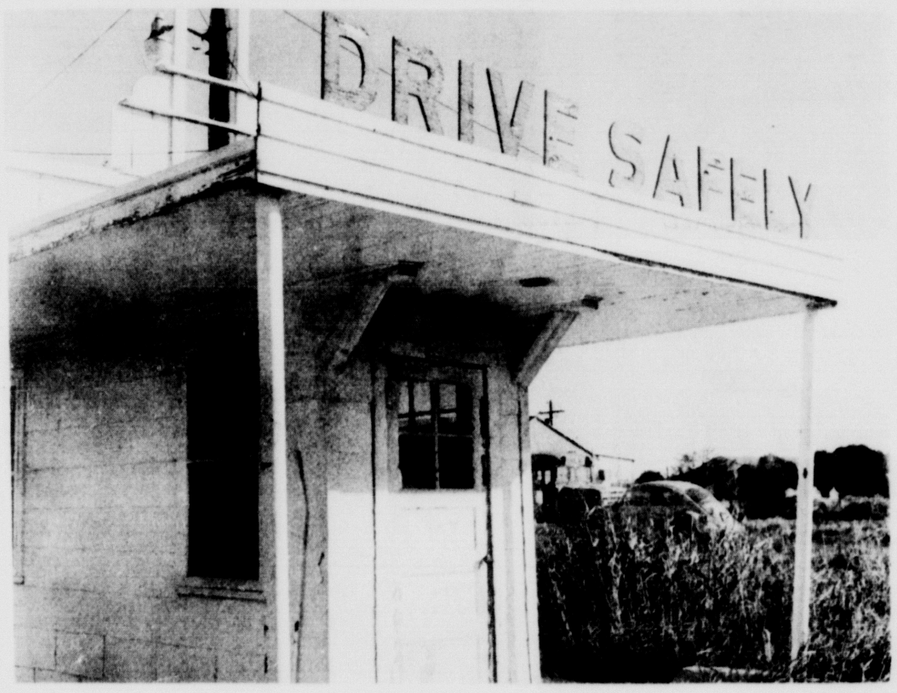

Ominous headline failed to spell gloom for Hondo

The Anvil Herald of Friday, Febraury 14, 1958, carried a disappointing headline: "HAB to Close June 30."

An announcement on January 31 had mentioned the possibility that the base might continue to operate, although with a reduced student load.

But, the notice of the final decision toward closing the Hondo facility came a week later, and with that official Air Force letter, the town settled into a gloomy, apprehensive mood concerning its future.

There was another headline, bigger than that heralding the base closing, in the February 14 issue: this one read "Hondo Begins Industrial Drive."

It chronicled a meeting involving over 100 Hondoans who were interested in attracting new industries to Hondo, to replace the Air Force contracts.

An editorial, written by Herald editor Bill Berger, accompanied the story.

In it, he pointed out that the City owns a sizeable investment in the air base property, and that facilities there would be easy to convert to other, civilian industries. Most of all, he declared, the city owned many citizens who came to Hondo when the base reactivated. "It is these citizens we want to keep -- and have them continue to call Hondo their home," the editorial said.

And through the years, Hondo has succeeded in attracting industries to locate here. Many of these fine citizens, who came to town both during World War II aad again in the TAI days, have continued to call Hondo their home.

An admonishment true in 1958 still is true today, and it bears on Hondo's future growth.

"One thing to remember is that nobody in the United States or the rest of the world is much concerned about Hondo. We have to fight our own battles, and prove that we have a town worthy of consideration for industry"

Hondo has continued the fight for industry through the years, and to show for these efforts, the Air Force has once again begun a flight screening program at the Air Base.

It joins well-established civilian industries this time, such as Gary Aircraft and Universal Rundle. Today, the Air Force is not life or death to Hondo's economy, but it is a big boost and a tribute to Hondo's quest for new industry and development.

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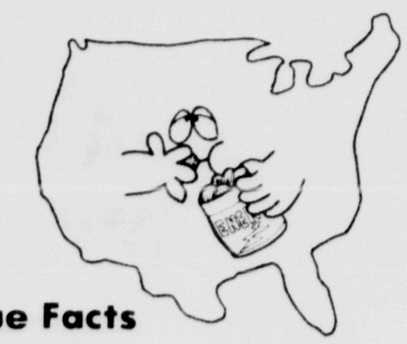

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C. F. Schweers
County Superintendent
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We wish to express our sincere thanks to our many relatives and friends of our beloved mother, Mrs. Mattie Schott, for your expressions of sympathy and to Rev. Schroeder for his consoling words. These many expressions of kindness are deeply appreciated.

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Owls off to fast start—3-1

The Hondo Owls have posted three wins in four games to make a flying start in the 1973-74 season. Tuesday night they won their third game in a row with a 57-47 win over Uvalde.

Paul Richards, 6'7" Sophomore for the Owls, paced the Hondo team in that contest with 15 points, followed by Doug Helvey and Brian Finger with 10 points each. Ray Garcia and Mike Groff each scored 8 points, and Tony Hackebeil had 5.

The Owl Freshmen and B-Team squads opened their seasons Tuesday night at Uvalde, but both teams lost to their Coyote counterparts. The Uvalde Freshmen broke a fourth-quarter tie to win 43-31. The Owl B-Team lost ot Uvalde49-43.

MV TOURNAMENT

After officially beginning basketball practice only last Monday, the Owls entered the Medina Valley Invitational Tournament and took Consolation honors.

Dropping the tournament opener to St. Anthony's Thursday by a 45-40 score, the Owls rallied in the second round to down Uvalde 56-52.

In the Saturday playoffs, the Owls won again, edging Crystal City 51-50 for the Consolation trophy.

Pearsall took a one-point victory over host Medina Valley 41-40 to win the Championship trophy. In the third place playoff, Devine downed St. Anthony 64-52.

Doug Helvey led Hondo scorers in the tournament.

Against Crystal City, he dumped in 16 points for Hondo.

Selected to the All-Tourney team from Hondo was Paul Richards. Also picked were Mario Garza from Medina Valley, and Homer Hernandez of Devine.

Owls home opener is Monday

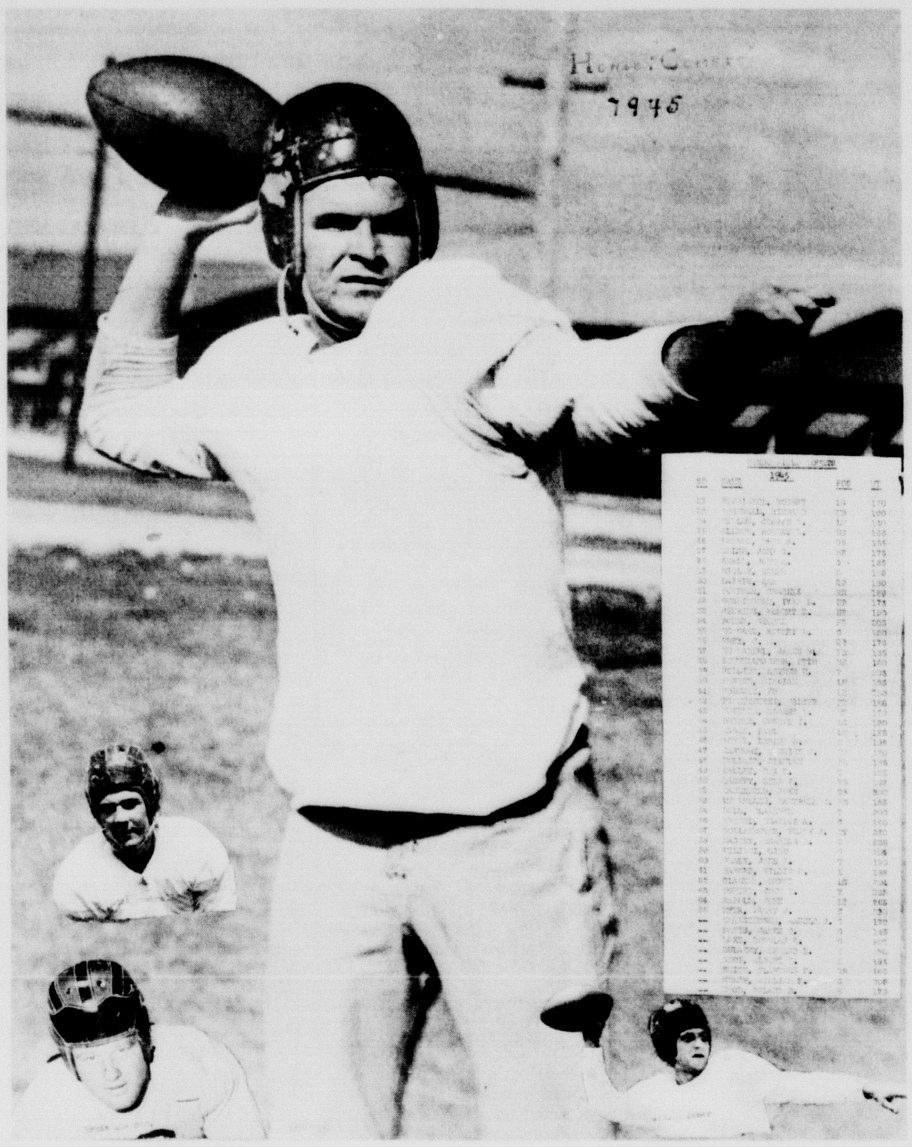
The Hondo Owls will play their first home basketball game Tuesday afternoon as they take on the Bandera Bulldogs in the Hondo High School gym.

Game time for the B-team game, which opens the action, will be 6:30 p.m.

The varsity game will begin shortly after the B-team game is finished.

Friday December 7 is an open date for the Owls.

Thursday thr ough Saturday, December 13-15, the Owls will participate in the Devine Tourney. That tournament will represent the final pre-district action for the Owls, as they will open their District season against Cotulla Thursday, December 20.



A PRIME DRAFT PICK.. in 1945, Stan Hollmig graduated from Hondo High School and was drafted into the military. Assigned to Hondo Army Airfield, he played football for the Hondo Comets, the base team, in 1945. He later went on to play major league and minor league baseball.

Natalia All-District picks named

Two Natalia Mustang football players were named to the District 30-A All-District football first team.

Johnny Hernandez, Senior offensive tackle, and David Kirkwood, Senior defensive back, were selected to the first team by a vote of coaches of District 30-A.

Kirkwood was also selected to the second team offensive squad as a running back; Hernandez also placed on the second team defensive team as a linebacker.

Also named to the second team were George Saenz Sr., offensive guard and Ernest Sanchez, defensive lineman, also a Senior.

D'Hanis boys, girls lose openers

The D'Hanis Cowboys and Cowgirls each met defeat in their season openers Monday night against Nueces Canyon.

The boys team lost by a 57-41 margin; the girls were defeated 69-13.

Today, both teams wwll again meet Nueces Canyon in the first round of the Brackettville Tournament.

The girls will play at 11:30 a.m., with the boys game at 1 p.m., in Brackettville.

Tuesday night, both teams will again play at Brackettville, this time in regular non-district games. Those games start at 6:30 p.m.

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SPORT FACTS

By Ralph

We greet the Hondo Owl basketball team and hope they can turn in a fine season.

Last year the Owls won District 28-AA but fell to Randolph in the Bi-district clash.

The 1970 Owls also took District and then won Bi-district. The fell in Regional to Kyle.

Good crowds have greeted the San Antonio Spurs the last few weeks, with 10,100 seeing them play the Kentucky Colonels. Many of those spectators probably reside in Medina County.

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Outdoors 'n' things

By L. D. Nuckles

The Texas Longhorns are more hide, hoof, and horns than anything else. (I, of course, am talking about the cattle, not the University football team). They are certainly not in demand either as beef or milk animals, but few indeed are the Texans who would be content to see this rugged breed disappear.

Cast in this mold by the hostile South Texas wilderness, these longhorns are the descendants of cattle left in Texas by Spanish explorers and the resulting wild herds that lived in Texas before the middle of the 18th century. The longhorn is nothing like his ancestors, nor is he the result of any crossbreeding. Because of the land in which he was forced to live and the old law of survival of the fittest, there evolved a breed of cattle able to survive in this rugged semi-desert country. He had to be able to live and prosper on brush, cactus,and dried grasses. He needed a large hoof so that he could walk easily in soft sand, and a powerful body and potent weapons in order to fight off preditors he had to be able to endure thirst for long periods of time and walk long distances to obtain water. This was the longhorn - he developed all these things.

After the Civil War vast herds of longhorns ran wild in Texas and the returning veterans turned to them as a source of income in the near-bankrupt state. An estimated 10 million longhorns were rounded up and driven to railroad terminals in Kansas and other mid-western states where they brought 25 to 30 dollars a head. Some 250 million dollars were brought into the state by this method as Texas started on the long, hard road to economic prosperity. Historians refuse to estimate how many men gave their lives through indian raids, storms, stampedes, floods, and fights with outlaws on these long dangerous trail drives.

In 1920 the longhorn was headed for extinction - crowded out by the fine beef animals imported from Europe - when the U. S. Government took a hand. They gathered the few remaning head they could find and settled them on the Wichita Mountain National Wildlife Refuge in Oklahoma.

About 1930 two Texans set out to restore the scorned longhorn for their state. They felt that Texas owed so much to the longhorn that some of them should be saved so that future generations would at least know what they looked like. Fort Worth oilman Sid Richardson paid the bill and author J. Frank Dobie found enough animals to start a small herd at Fort Griffin State Park. Now the Parks and Wildlife Department has over 100 head of pure longhorn cattle at six state parks.

There is no typical color for a longhorn. A typical herd contains everything from black to white, solid, dotted, splashed, spotted, and all colors and combinations in between. The herd bull may be the boss but he takes second place when it comes to length of horns. These horns continue to grow until the animal passes his prime and the steers are the champions for length of horn. The bull's horns are thicker and stronger but they can't match the steers for length. The cows are somewhere in between - not as long as the steers' for length. The cows' are somewhere in between - not as long as the steers' nor as heavy as the bulls' but still plenty long and very sharp.

Individuals in the official state herd are branded with a five-pointed star high on the left hip and the animal's registration number on the right hip. Before a calf is branded he is inspected by a representative of the Texas Longhorn Breeders Assn. of America. Those that do not possess enough of the standard measurements set up for a longhorn are rejected and sold to the highest bidder.

In addition to the Texas herd there are about 4000 head living on private ranches and refuges throughout the nation. Colorful on the hoof and from a colorful page in the history of the West, the Texas Longhorn is alive and doing well, Thank you, and will not soon pass from the picture.

Harmon forecast

Sat. and Sun., December 8 and 9

OAKLAND 16 KANSAS CITY 10 (Saturday) -- Here's pressure in its original form. AFC West race so close, it'll go right to wire. Lead has changed so many times, hard to tell "who's on first?" Chiefs won earlier, 16-3.

MINNESOTA 28 GREEN BAY 6 (Saturday) -- Vikes really haven't quit since winning title three weeks ago. Pack beaten in first match-up, 11-3, but this won't be that close. G.B.'s quarterback problems need solving.

DETROIT 24 CHICAGO 13 -- Lions have habit of beating themselves on occasion, but this shouldn't be one of those occasions. Detroit beat Bears in chicago, 30-7. Teams are now "playing for pride."

DENVER 21 SAN DIEGO 6 -- Broncos handled Chargers in first get-together, 30-19, showing that S.D. doesn't scare easily. If Denver plays as it did against Chiefs two Sundays ago, 15 points good spread.

PITTSBURGH 33 HOUSTON 7 -- After tangle with Miami last Monday, Steelers should welcome waht could be a "relaxer." Pitt beat Oilers, 36-7, in first meeting, and spread for second contest almost the same.

MIAMI 34 BALTIMORE 6 -- Since Dolphins blew Colts apart, 44-0, in last match-up, a 28-point pick in his one might be close. Baltimore gave Redskins unexpected battle 3 weeks ago, so maybe . . .

NEW YORK JETS 24 PHILADELPHIA 23 -- Real interesting game between two "rejuvenated" teams - Jets because of return of #1 quarterback and Eagles because of about-face from last fall. Namath to out-duel Gabriel.

SAN FRANCISCO 20 NEW ORLEANS 13 -- Re-match between these two will be much closer than 1st game. In that one, 49ers sunk Saints, 40-0. N.O. has matured . . . S.F. has had its troubles. Home game for Saints.

DALLAS 14 WASHINGTON 13 -- Enter Mr. Pressure again in third big contest of weekend. Skins won earlier, 14-7, and repeat performance could kill Dallas. Cowboys may squeak out curcial win at home.

ATLANTA 27 ST. LOUIS 10 -- Second home game in a row for Falcons with finale next week. Cards shouldn't give probable play-off-bound Atlanta too much trouble. Another Falcon let-down? Catastrophe!!!

CINCINNATI 17 CLEVELAND 16 -- Three curcial games this week . . . big one here! Bengals held that surprise party for Vikings last week. Win over Browns would assure at least wild-card spot. Cincy at home.

BUFFALO 27 NEW ENGLAND 23 -- suddenly there's much more at stake than O.J.'s assault on Jim Browns record. Bills very much alive in fight for wild card spot. Buffalo pounded Pats, 31-13, in opener.

Monday, December 10

LOS ANGELES 29 NEW YORK GIANTS 10 -- Giants had difficulty arising to many occasions this fall, so doubt that Monday nite national TV against Rams will bring much change. L. A. to treat fans at home to big win.

Bubbling just a bit after hitting 12 of 13 second time in 3 weeks. . . bounces average up to .723 on 99 smiles, 38 frowns, and 6 ties. Play-off picture still muddled with about 13 teams hoping to sell post-season tickets. Confusion won't clear til nite of Dec. 16.

Lt. Comm. Fry joins fleet

USS LA MOURE COUNTY -- Navy Lieutenant Commander Michael S. Fry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ervil S. Fry of Route 1 Dunlay, deployed for the Mediterranean aboard the tank landing ship USS La Moure County, homeported at Little Creek, Va. He will participate in training exercises with the Sixth Fleet.

A 1961 graduate of the University of Texas, Austin, he joined the Navy in June 1961.

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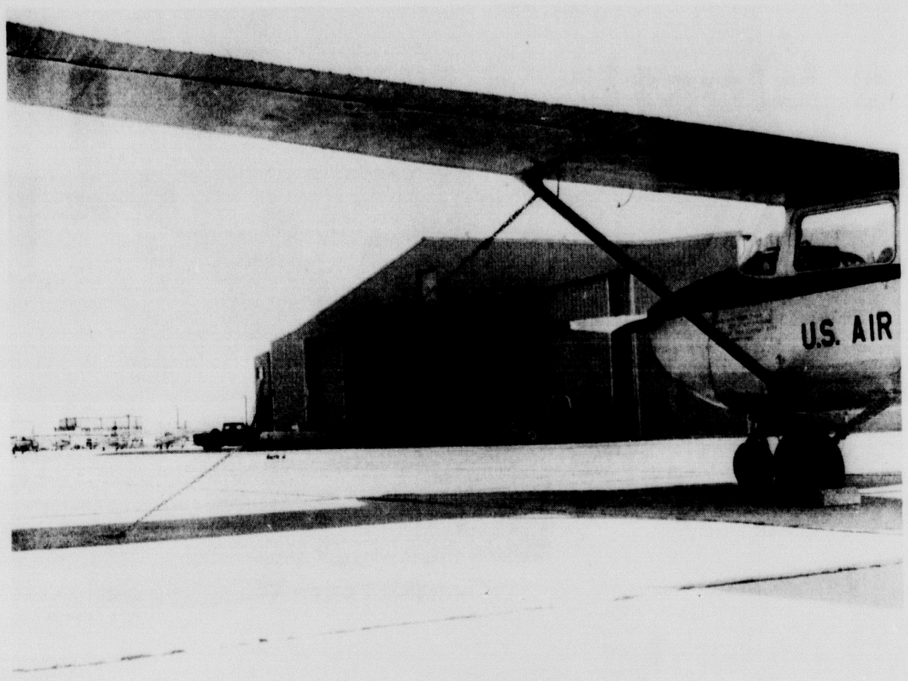

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Airbase changed Hondo's character

Thirty-five years ago, Hondo was a town little differentiated from others in the string of settlements stretching westward from San Antonio along the railroad.

Its inhabitants were the sons of pioneer Alsatian families and the sons of later immigrants from Mexico, Germany and other states of this nation.

They were largely home-minded and farm-minded. The industries of the East had done little to mar the natural landscape and the lifestyle of Hondoans revolvd around the seasonal cycle of planting and harvesting.

Older boys from Medina County had marched away to two wars, and Highway 90 brought commerce and a measure of progress to the city. . .but when the war was over they mostly marched home, and it was still a wrenching decision that took a young man or woman away to seek employment in another city.

Besides, times were not easy in the late thirties and, as families suffered the poverty and humiliation of the Great Depression, it was a time for gathering together and pulling in the boundaries against the outside world.

Into this environment was to come an electrifying turn-around, less than three years later.

Events thousands of miles away would cause this nation and Hondo to enter a life-or-death struggle for survival against the tyranny of Hitler, Mussolini and the Imperial Warlords of Japan.

As the emergency was felt, the military center at San Antonio was quickly overburdened with the enormous influx of equipment and manpower.

This was to be a war not only of men with guns (though there would be many of these), but also one of men with machines. Their machines would actually be invented as the war progressed, and the skills needed to wield the war machines was unknown to most men at the war's start.

An aerial navagational center at Kelly Field was transferred to Hondo, opening on August 10, 1942, since this town's wide expanse of even, cleared farmland afforded an excellent location for long runways. The favorable climate that caused the crops and grasses to prosper would provide young airmen with more valuable sunny days in which to ply their new trade ale

Other sites were chosen at Uvalde, Eagle Pass, and Del Rio, but Hondo's would prove to be the largest facility; 14,158 navigators had graduated from its school before war's end.

A population of strangers from all over the nation descended upon Hondo and quickly outnumbered the native population. They were a perplexing mixture of Yankee and Southerner. They were of all colors, faiths, nationalities, and viewpoints; but the overriding factor of the war emergency bound them together into a kind of constantly changing Khaki community.

Tenatively at first, the people of Hondo made overtures of welcome to the newcomers, as a local church opened a G.I. canteen. They cautiously but surely made friends with the newcomers and helped them to feel at home at their temporary duty station.

Then, as the war raged and those able to serve were called to duty elsewhere, the ladies of the area and those men not drafted for the military took to learning the workings of the various systems necessary to operate the airfield.

Farmers who had overhauled tractors learned the intricacies of the radial aircraft engine. Ladies who had managed the purchase of groceries and clothing at home, quickly learned to manage the office activities of the base.

But when it was all over and the war had been won, the base became a relic. Aircraft and supplies were flown away; equipment was crated up and shipped or else declared surplus; personnel who had dreamed for four years of a normal existence went home to search for such a life.

Yet, it didn't all disappear in Hondo. Men who had married local girls during their training at Hondo Air Base, returned here to raise their families.

Others who had made friends at the base chose to remain rather than leave. Men who remembered Hondo returned here after the war, and many settled down.

Thus Hondo came to have a character somewhere between a provincial village and a variegated metropolis. . . a small-scale reflection of the melting-pot character of the whole nation.

Through intermittent contact with the military, the airbase has kept Hondo a community of pioneers living side-by-side with newcomers.

Its buildings have invited large scale industry to Hondo, where a full-scale pottery factory moved into waiting buildings at what is now Universal Rundle.

The skills learned by Hondoans during the war have been steadily put to good use. Gary Aircraft Corporation found a ready supply of aircraft maintenance men, eager to return to their trade.

The leisure portions of the base--a golf course and a swimming pool--found a growing city ready and willing to take them over and improve them.

And the mile-long, reinforced concrete runways that defied the invasions of weeds during the years of repose; now absorb the screech of rubber again as the training aircraft of the USAF flight screening school touch down on them once more.

The airbase has been praised in good times and damned in bad; but that sprawling complex of runways and weedy concrete foundations helped to literally lift Hondo into the twentieth century.

TAI days

A sizeable crew of maintenance men found themselves suddenly left with nothing to maintain anymore when TAI closed its operation in 1958. they were listed in the final edition of "Traffic Patter" as follow:

T. J. Robinson, J. E. Sylvester, Joe Alvarado, P. Alcaraz, F. Rangel, R. Lopez, O. V. Granados, J. P Camacho, J. Knowles, E. Rodriguez, G. A. Ligon, V. Flores, F. Mendez, F. Tambunga, A. S. Alvarado, M. Jiminez, E. Bernal, G. Knowles J. Reyes, P. Davis, L. Sorrell, and I. Rios.

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'Beam' was base newspaper

During the war years, military and civilian personnel at Hondo Army Air Field were tied together, despite whatever regional, racial, or vocational differences they might have had, by the weekly publication of a plucky 12-page leaflet known as "Beam."

Limited in its scope by the heavy censorship of those days, it nevertheless provided news of the war along with sports, columns, cartoons and departmental columns from the Hondo base.

Few copies have survived the housecleanings of dutiful wives whose husbands' war mementos threatened to overtake Junior's bedroom space. But some yellowed old specimens were turned in to the Herald, and they provide a vaiuable insight into the workings of the airbase.

One of these is the 2 June, 1944 edition -- published a scant four days before the massive D-Day invasions of Europe

A column by the "honorary editor" of that week, a Captain James Muller, warned that D-Day . . . will be a series of grim battles of men armed with the latest destructive devices. Escorted by thousands of planes, invasion barges will land troops on the beaches to strike at the enemy. All must be good soldiers. . ."

But other sections of the "Beam" focused on more mundane aspects of military life.

In the sports section, one story lamented the loss of a ball game by the Hondo Comets "to the umpire." The first pitch to one batter, it reported "was outside by a foot, but Umpire Tech called 'strike one'. And so on.

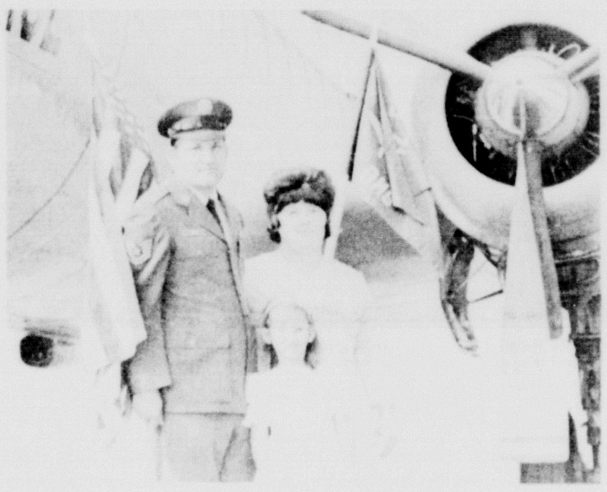
The human interest section described a bivouac in the Hondo area during which the troops were plagued with mock attacks, blockouts, and a Texas thunderstorm which blew down about sixty tents just before a blinding rain.

Guests on base during that week were San Antonio Mayor Gus B. Mauermann, who attended Stag Night at the Officers Club. Representing Hondo at that affair were Hondo military affairs committee chairman Bob Kollman, and Rudy Rath of the Chamber of Commerce.

And, scheduled to play at the Cadet Club on 11 June was Al Donahue's Orchestra, featuring beautiful Lynn Stevens.

Base Commander Colonel George B. Dany was spoofed by the staffers in a prophecy of "Hondo--1959". Part of that prophecy depicts "old Hondo Air Base is now a ranch known as Belly Acres, owned by former commander George Dany. The sign on entering town now reads 'This is Dany's Country--Don't Drive Thru It'."

Last but not least in the publication is the Womans' page, featuring Mrs. Jeanne Cooper of the Post Signal Office, and "Civilian Chatter," by Margaret Godfrey.



RE-UPS . . . Technical Sergeant Albert J. King, his wife, Monica, and daughter, Katherine, following the sergeant's U. S. Air Force re-enlistment ceremony at Randolph AFB. [U.S. Air Force Photo]

T/Sgt. King re-enlists

SAN ANTONIO -- Technical Sergeant Albert J. King, son of Mrs. W. B. King, Castroville, has re-enlisted in the U. S. Air Force after being selected for career status.

Sergeant King, an aircraft maintenance technician at Randolph AFB, was approved for re-enlistment by a board which considered his character and job performance. He is assigned to the 12th Organizational Maintenance Squadron, a unit of the Air Training Command.

The sergeant is a 1957 graduate of St. Louis High School. His wife is the former Monica M. Gibson.

Two Hondo ans play in Howard Payne band

BROWNWOOD -- Linda Owens and Shirley Pena, both graduates of Hondo High School, completed the football marching season last week as a member of the Howard Payne College Marching Bank, known as the "Swinging Stingers."

Miss Owens, bassoon, and Miss Pena, clarinet, performed at seven Lone Star Conference football halftimes for approximately 70,000 fans.

The concert version of the "Swinging Stingers," which uses the name Symphony Band, begins preparation now for performances throughout the state of Texas in the spring and an extended tour in April through the southern states. The band presented 11 concerts in Germany last year.

Miss Owens, a 1973 graduate, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard B. Owens Sr. of Hondo. She is a mathematics major.

Miss Pena, a 1970 graduate, is the daughter of Mrs. Sebastian Pena of Brownwood. She is an elementary education major.

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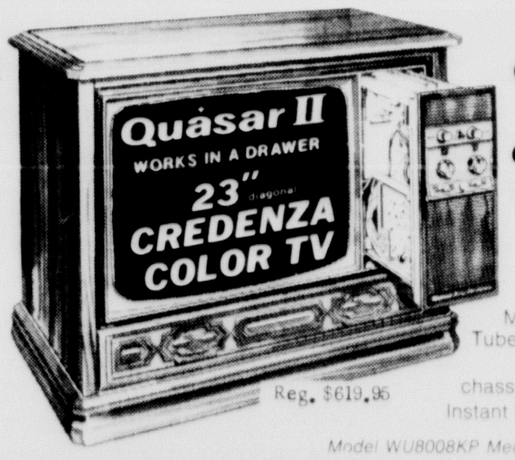

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The trip to Houston was a blast and you can prove that by the 45 persons who traveled on the bus there this past weekend to support the Hondo Corn Shucking Champions.

Chris Heyen, Charles Halbadier and Mrs. Lillie [Milton] Heyen were champions in Hondo; they were champions at the Texas Folklife Festival.

And they are still Champions for they beat all challengers in four big demonstrations viewed by some 500 persons each time.

Now, the Oilers-Raiders game was a blast also, unless one was a football fan. But anyway that was another story.

The group went to Houston to support the Corn Shucking team and that they did.

Enjoying the trip were: Mary and Tony Kosub, Michael Mendoza, Ricardo Guedea, Mary Alice Guedea, Judge Jerome Decker, Mrs. Jackie Decker, O. M. Redus, Mrs. O. M. [Dorothy] Redus, Mrs. H. H. Decker, Debbie Young, Maurice Fohn, Thelma Fohn, Bea Melton, Lillian Porter, Tony Mendoza, Cindy Aelvoet, Mrs. Phil C. Jagge, Vernor V. Wiemers, Floreine Wiemers, Milton Heyen, Frank W. Graff, Jeannine Guinn, Florence Stiegler, Henry Stiegler, Cappi Heyen, Mike Hackebeil, Chris Heyen, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stiegler, Sis Graff, Gerry Schnieder, Richard Schneider, Juanita Hackebeil, Lillie [Mrs. Milton] Heyen, Edith Billings, Edison Billings, Vida Franke, Arthur Franke, Sandi Schweers, Charles Halbadier, Patricia Lawrence, Margaret Mendoza, Agnes Oefinger, Burnis Lawrence and the bus driver, George Whitfield Jr.

They shouted; they yelled; they publicized Hondo by passing out postcards; and they came home ready to go again.

"Let's find a national event to show off our Champions," they said as they got off the bus.

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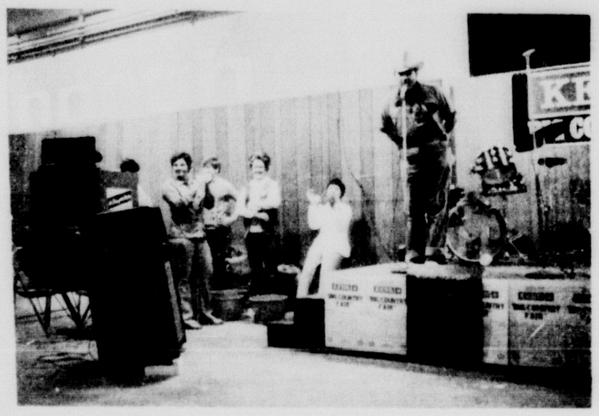

WHO'S THE FAT MAN!

AT THE ASTROHALL

4-H News

A fourth-year 4-H Food and Nutrition group, under the leadership of Mrs. Rothe Martin and Kay Martin, has had two meetings. At the first meeting the girsl planned the project meetings. At the second meeting the Milk Group was studied. They made parfaits. Nancy Martin made banana pudding, Karla Helvey-chocolate, Rose Mary Rios-vanilla, and Mary Jo Rummel-butterscotch.

Each girl gave a talk: Nancy Martin-An Innovative Recipe, Karla Helvey-Uses of Milk, Rose Mary Rios-Various Milk Products Available, Mary Jo Rummel-Nutritional Value of Milk.

Kay Martin, Jr. leader

Special awards were presented to the members of the Hondo 4-H Jr. Rivle Club. Pro-Marksman was presented to Jessee Seals and Gary Morin. Marksman first class and Sharpshooter were presented to Nancy Martin, Bar 8 and 9 to Chris Cole, Bar 9 to Doug Cole. Expert was presented to Chris and Doug Cole.

Election results were as follows: Kay Martin-president, Chris Cole-vice president, aad Nancy Martin-secretary-reporter.

--Nancy Martin

The 4-H Clubs in Medina County have been selling raffle tickets. On Wednesday, November 28, 1973, the drawing was held at a regular council meeting. The winner of first place, one-half a calf processed and packaged, was Dean Bates of Devine. The hindquarter, second place, and the forequarter, third place, were won by A. B. Gonzales of Hondo and Helen Hurtado of Dunlay.

The profit of this raffle will go to the 4-H center in Brownwood to build a camp open to 4-Hers in Texas.

The council met and discussed several things; Marriette Aelvoet presided. A tenative date of January 26, 1974, has been set up for the County Food Show.

Also, a program for children ages 9-12 will be on television for all interested in food and nutrition. The show, entitled "Mulligan's Stew" will appear each Saturday for six lessons and is suggested to 4-H members as a project.

This Saturday, December 8, 1973, a steer workshop will be held to trim hooves at the County Stock Show Barn. Members planning to exhibit a steer should attend. The council plans to meet again in February.

--Paula Moos
County Council Reporter

S. Texas Chamber resumes industry push

The South Texas Chamber of Commerce has moved back into the economic development field on three fronts after earlier cancelling its industrial development program because of the energy crisis.

Chamber President John Cypher said he was appointing a special industrial study group to advise the chamber on how to best develop new jobs in the region during the period of energy shortages.

Cypher also announced a restructuring of the chamber's oil and gas committee into the energy resources group, which will work toward maximum utilization of available fuel and feedstock supplies by existing users.

The third phase of the cha nber's economic development plan calls for further intensification of tourist promotion activities. Cypher pointed out that South Texas has exceptionally good routing of Amtrack train service to the area. A program of encouraging South Texans to vacation close to home was started last summer.

The industrial study group will concentrate on three categories. They are labor-intensive, low-fuel industries in areas where there have been widespread job losses during the past year, and additional jobs in existing industries. He cited the closing of Laredo Air Base and a garment factory in Victoria as examples of the job loss category.

The committee will be made up of representatives of utility companies, oil and gas companies, local chambers of commerce, existing industries and the general business community.

The industrial program that was cancelled was built around a solicitation of major new industry from other states through direct calls, advertising and an industrial directory and guide to South Texas. It will be reactiviated as soon as there is available energy to accommodate major new industries based on the option of the new study group.

Thompson still at airbase

Handling the airconditioning and refrigeration on the air base during the 50's was R. B. (Bob) Thompson, who now operates the bowling lanes on the air base.

Since he moved to Hondo, Bob has had almost constant contact with the air base. His first job there was as aircraft Electrical Foreman during the war years.

The airman is a 1972 graduate of Natalia High School.

Amn. Saenz promoted

ALTUS* Okla. -- Juan M. Saenz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raul S. Saenz, Natalia, has been promoted to airman first class in the U. S. Air Force.

Airman Saenz, a security policeman at Altus AFB, Okla., is assigned to a unit of the Military Airlift Command.

Amn. Bourcier completes basic

SAN ANTONIO -- Airman Timothy R. Bourcier, son of Mrs. Betty L. Walker of Natalia, has completed Air Force basic training at Lackland AFB.

During his six weeks training, he studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special instruction in human relations.

The airman is remaining at the Air Training Command base for specialezed training in the security police field.

Airman Bourcier is a 1973 graduate of Natalia High School.

Spaight was 'second generation' pilot

A sort of second-generation instructor came to Hondo air base in 1956.

He was Mike Spaight, then 25, who graduated from Hondo's flight training program himself only four years earlier.

A member of Class 52-H, Spaight went on to complete his training and serve as a fighter pilot in Korea.

Upon his discharge, he applied for a job in Hondo as a civilian instructor.

A native of Bethel, Kansas, Mike married Ellen Zinsmeyer of D'Hanis.

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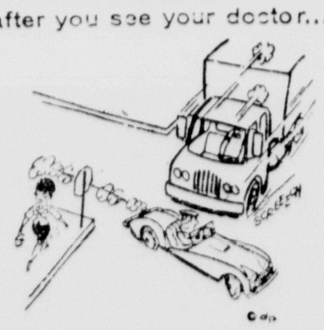

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Scouting News

The monthly meeting of Cub Scout Pack 219 was held November 27th at St. John's Hall. This month's theme was Genius night.

Last month each scout was given a bag containing many different items (sponges, braid, coat hanger, wood, nails, etc.) with which he had to make a creative object.

These fine works of wonder were judged Tuesday night. The Geniuses receiving honors were: Steven Van de Walle-most unusual; Patrick Richards-best workmanship; Scott Moos-most creative. The judges were Mr. James Schofner and Mr. Jack Heath.

In a candlelight ceremony, scouts receiving their achievement awards were John Hannemann, Bradley Gwartney, Arthur Dominguez, Pat Richards Mark Rogers and Clin Modgling.

The opening ceremony was conducted by Den 2, the skit by Den 3 and the closing ceremony by Den 1.

The Cub Scouts have started on their candle-selling campaign. They are selling beautiful candles and ask for your support.

December 18 is the date for our Christmas party. Any boy age eight or older who is interested in cub scouting is most welcome to join our pack. Call Mrs. Van Damme, 426-3575 for information.

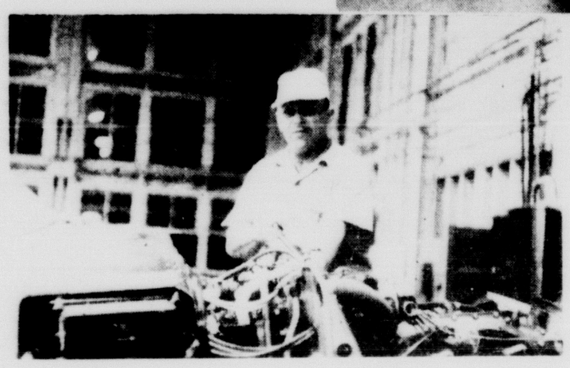
G. H. Finger, Junior Radio Specialist, and G. H. Meyer, Journeyman Radio Specialist, are caught by the camera as they are making repairs to a headset. Meyer is on left.

On left is F. A. Prescott, Fuel Servicer, driver of the gasoline truck, while H. N. Fohn, Fuel Dispensing Operator, stands in the center; they're waiting for the truck to be filled at the gas dump.

Murvin Massey, Storekeeper, left, issues a T-34 part to Eugene Pennington, Journeyman Aircraft Mechanic, who signs it out of the supply room.

Jack Fuos, Journeyman Aircraft Mechanic, is shown here installing a T-28 carburetor. This member of the night crew, like many others, does a large amount of his work by flashlight.

These two members of the night shift find a flashlight unnecessary. F. H. Allen, Aircraft Mechanic Helper, at left, and Mathis Saathoff, Clerk "B", are shown as they work up aircraft time in the log books.



P. F. Dornbusch, Senior Aircraft Mechanic, looks up from his job in the hangar, where he is installing a generator in a T-34 aircraft.

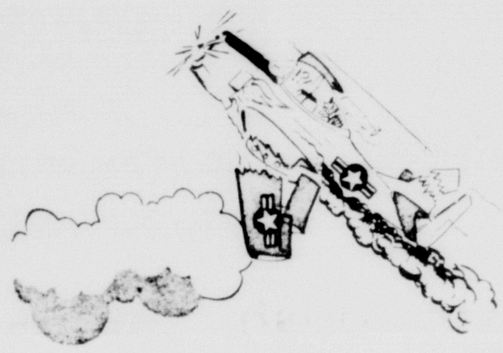
Night crew at HAB , 1956

Visitors' Day At Hondo Air Base

By First Lt. Carl S. Miller

On October 23 and 24 the Junior and Senior Classes of Hondo High School were the guests of the Aviation Cadet Corp on a tour of Hondo Air Base. They were welcomed by Captain Robert Sizemore and Lt. Carl S. Miller of Military Training.

After an orientation briefing, they were taken to the Mobile Control Unit where they observed aircraft take-offs and landings. Static displays of the T-34 and T-28 aircraft were set up to give the students an opportunity to see and inspect the aircraft employed in the training mission at Hondo Air Base. The tour terminated at the Aviation Cadet Club where refreshments were served.



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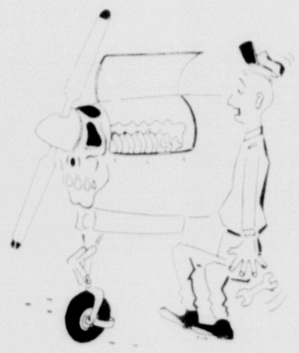

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High School Boys Are Cadet Guests Here For A Day

Twelve members of the Hondo High School "Pre-Flight" class spent the day of Tuesday 16 May on Hondo Army Air Field to get the feel of a "typical day with a cadet." Several of the students are members of the Air Corps enlisted reserve.

The young men started their day on the Field with reveille and ended their day's experience with retreat. All the boys were assigned to different flights, and carried on the day doing the same duties as that of a navigation student.

These future soldiers, under instruction of Lt. Marvin O. Duncan, have touched on every phase of training offered by the Air Forces, including pilot, navigator, bombardier, gunner, radio operator and mechanic. Experts in every line of training have briefed them in each category to give a clear view of the specific duty of various Air Crew members.

Those spending a "Typical Cadet Day" were: Jim Amberson, August Cook, Jerome Decker, Robert Dominguez, Jimmy Duncan, Joe Hohn, Imanuel Lorfing, Richard Lynch, Harry Miller, Charles Monkhouse, Harold Rankin and Doyle Weber.

During the school year, these boys were enrolled in the Hondo High "Pre-Flight" class, which met daily with Lt. Duncan at 1130.

Spending A Typical Day With A Cadet

Amn. Seay assigned to ILLlinois

SAN ANTONIO -- Airman Leonard P. Seay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. seay Sr. of LaCoste, has been assigned to Chanute AFB, Ill., after completing Air Force basic training.

During his six weeks at the Air Training Command's Lackland AFB, he studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special instruction in human relations.

The airman has been assigned to the Technical Training Center at Chanute for specialized training in metalworking.

Airman Seay is a 1973 graduate of Medina Valley High School. His wife, Cynthia, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bowles of Castroville.

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Texas shoots for No.1 in Agriculture

Governor Dolph Briscoe has issued a challenge to Texas Agricultral leaders to become No. 1 in total agricultural income in the nation. Texas currently ranks third. However, officials of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service estimate that with the continued growth in Texas' agricultural industry, the state could be on top of the heap by 1980, says County Extension Agent Glenn Bragg.

A look at a few factors shows that the No. 1 spot is within reach.

In the past five years Texas' total agricultural income has increased 48 percent, one of the highest in the nation. By comparison, Texas' total agricultural income increased only 18 percent during the period 1960-68. So the state's agricultural industry has tremendous momentum.

The state's agricultural income totaled $4.057 billion in 1972 and is projected at $6.519 billion by 1976, far surpassing the goal of $3.76 billion by 1976 set by the Extension Service in 1969. By 1980 the total agricultural income of Texas from the sale of crops and livestock can be $9.1 billion if the trend extablished during the period 1968-1973 can be maintained.

"The potential for Texas to be No. 1 in the nation in agricultural income is there," said Extension Director Dr. John E. Hutchison, in announcing the new goal. "The key to reaching this goal depends on the profitability of agricultural production--whether or not farmers and ranchers will be able to get a reasonable return on theer investments.

Hutchison noted that Texas has available land resources plus emerging technology from agricultural research by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and U. S. Department of Agriculture to expand crop and livestock production and processing industries. Increasing domestic and foreign markets for food and fiber products should maek it profitable to further increase production.

Total cooperation and mutual support of all agencies and groups--public and private--will be required to help make Texas the top agricultural state in the nation, industry representatives agree.

Among the leading agricultural commodities as far as growth potential through 1980 is concerned are meat animals, forage and hay, poultry and eggs, food grains, feed crops, cottong, oil corps (especially soybeans) and vegetables.

Income from meat animals should increase from $2.1 billion last year to $3.5 billion. Income from poultry and eggs should total $473 million, up from $211 million in 1972. Food grains such as wheat and rice are expected to make dramatic increases, from $196 million in 1972 to $538 millin by 1980.

Growth in feed crops, mainly grain sorghum and corn, is expected to more than double in the next eight years to $984 million. Increased demands are expected to cause exceptional increases in cotton income, from $417 million to $1.591 billion, and income from oil corps, from $79 million to $271 million. Vegetables should generate an income of about $231 million by 1980, up from $156 million in 1972.

In addition to these, other agricultural related commodities are also expected to make significant contributions in the state's goal.

"I encourage everyone in Medina County to take a good look at the potential for agriculture in this county. The goal of becoming No. 1 in gross and net agricultural income is one that we can each have a part in and can be proud of at the same time. The goal would provide great economic and humanitarian benefits," says Bragg.

NOTICE

In recent weeks we have received several notices of anniversary celebrations along with requests that we print them prior to the event.

We must consider this type of story as taking the place of invitations to the event, and therefore, must classify them as advertising. This means we must charge with the charge being determined by the space or photos required.

Should a story describing the event be submitted after it has taken place, we will be glad to print it free of charge in the newspaper, regardless of whether a notice was bought prior to the event.

Here in Hondo

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Foss of Salem, Iowa, and Mrs. Emma Mechler of San Antonio visited with kinfolks, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Hermes and Mrs. Rosa Brucks.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Sizemore, Sherri, Linda, and Susan of Pearland also visited with Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Hermes Saturday.

RECEIVES AWARD . . . Lt Col. Leo M. Dannemiller of San Antonio receives medal from Lt. Gen. G. P. Seneff Jr., Fifth Army Commander. [Photo by SP5 Johnson, U. S. Army.]

Lt. Col. Dannemiller earns medal in work with Army

Lt. Col. Leo M. Dannemiller, San Antonio, has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal at Headquarters Fifth Army, where he is chief of the U. S. Army Readiness Region VII Readiness Group administrative team.

He was cited in particular for distinguishing himself as director of personnel and community activities, U. S. Army Training Center Engineer and Fort Leonard Wood, and as commander of the 1st Batallion, 5th Advanced Individual Training Brigade (Combat Support), Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Fifth Army Commander Lt. Gen. G. P. Seneff Jr. made the presentation.

A 1948 graduate of Texas Military Institute in San Antonio, Colonel Dannemiller entered the Army from Texas in 1952 after receiving a bachelor of science degree from Colorado A&M College in Fort Collins.

In 1963, while serving with U. S. Army Caribbean, Fort Amador, C.Z., he was one of two American representatives--both U. S. Army officers--who negotiated a treaty updating an oral treaty made in 1923 with San Blas Indian Chief Ublotequi. The San Blas Indians have their own government within the Panamanian republic. Chief Ublotequi was still living when the new agreement was adopted.

Overseas assignments took Colonel Dannemiller to Taiwan, 1964-66, and Vietnam, 1967-68.

Among his awards are the Bronze Star Medal and Joint Service Commendation Medal.

Colonel Dannemiller and his wife, the former Frances Zerr of Hondo, have four daughters and two sons. They reside at 10311 Severn Road in San Antonio.

INSIDE THE HANGAR AT DEL RIO FLYING SERVICE

GRADUATES. . . Coast Guard Seaman Recruit William H. Smyth III, son of Mrs. William H. Smyth Jr of Route 1, Natalia, graduated from basic training at the Coast Guard Training Center, Government Island in Alameda, California.

Maria Sandoval rites held

Maria Louisa Sandoval of Valdina Farms, Utopia, daughter of Francisco Sandoval and Elisa Castanuela Sandoval, died November 29, 1973, in Medina Memorial Hospital in Hondo. She was four years old.

Born August 19, 1969, in Hondo, she is survived by her parents; brothers, Robert, Frank and Louis Sandoval, all of Utopia; sisters, Mrs. Felipe Silva Jr. of D'Hanis and Hargelia, Josephine and Elizabeth Sandoval of Utopia; grandmother, Mrs. Petra Sandoval of Clifton, Texas; and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesus Castanuela of Melvin, Texas.

Rosary was recited November 30 at Holy Cross Church, D'Hanis, with Father Victor Schmidtzinsky officiating.

Funeral Mass was said December 1 at Holy Cross Church. Interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery, D'Hanis.

Pallbearers were the following young girls: Imelda Gutierrez, Cynthia Fernandez, Debra Castanuela, Sally Perez, Josephine Sandoval and Yolanda Castanuela.

Funeral arrangements were by Guinn-Horger Funeral Home, Hondo.

Tasty venison demands co-operation

The cook and hunter must work together to achieve high-quality, tasty deer.

"Preparation--in the kitchen as well as in the field--requires some special rules," Mrs. Gaye Bippert, County Extension Agent, emphasized.

"For one, cooking method depends on age of the deer. Animal age has a direct bearing on tenderness--with older, poorer animals being less tender than young ones.

"Young, tender game can be oven roasted, broiled, pan-broiled, or fried--all methods using dry heat. If meat is lean, basting with fat may be necessary.

"For best results, prepare older, less tender game using moist heat--by braising, stewing or simmering.

"Braise Swis steaks and pot roasts. In other words, add a little liquid to the meat and cook in a covered container. Long, slow cooking tenderizes meat without drying it out," she said.

"Flavor, on the other hand, is influenced by cooking procedure, condition of the game and handling in the field.

"To possess good flavor without undesirable 'gamey' tastes, the animal must be handled properly in the field.

"Proper cleaning and quick cooling are key field-handling operations.

"A well-placed shot in a vital area--without hitting the animal's intestines or paunch--is a must.

"As soon as the animal is down, it should be drawn," she explained.

"Position the animal with its head uphill. Then make a ventral cut from base of the tail to the breast bond--taking care not to slash intestines or stomach.

"Roll out viscera and wipe body cavity with clean cloths or paper towels. Don't use water in this procedure.

"Suspend or hang the carcas to facilitate quicker cooling. Quick cooling delays spoilage.

"Cover the meat with muslin or cheesecloth bags to protect it from flies and dust--yet allowing air to circulate. Don't use heavy tarpaulins or airtight bags because they keep body heat in and slow down cooling.

"Loading and transporting the carcas also plays a crucial role in quality of the final product," the agent said.

"Recommended procedure involves carrying the deer--wrapped in protective cloth--on top of the car. During cool days, the car trunk also may be used safely.

"Never carry the animal on car, truck hood and fenders. Heat from the motor and sun can counteract all previous good care--and result in spoilage.

"For more information, ask the county Extension offfice for bulleting (B-897) "Wild Game--Care and Cooking" and leaflet (L-634) "Field Dressing a Deer.

There is no charge for single-copy requests," the agent said.

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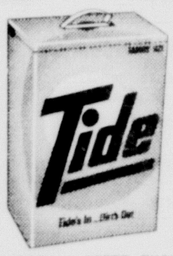

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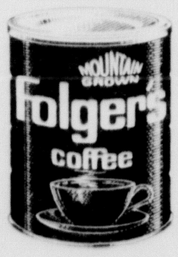

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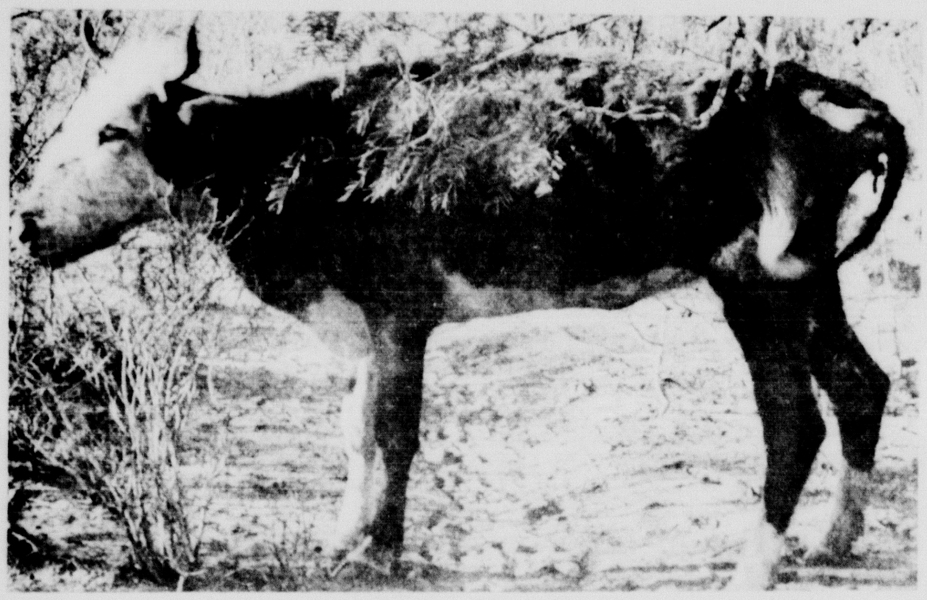
ASCS urges conservation practices



Overstocked, abused grass, gives this return. Poor cow has little to look forward to with Winter just around the corner.

This rancher should not see his banker - he should visit the Soil Conservation Service.

Properly stocked, good grass cover, gives this return. These cows have no fear of the winter. This rancher will visit his banker with deposits. He has been working with the Soil Conservation Service for several years.

Farmers in the Medina County area who bring additional land into crop production in 1974 are urged to use sound conservation practices.

E. L. Abbott, District Conservationist for the U. S. Soil Conservation Service at Hondo, says conservation measures not only protect the soil from erosion but also increase production.

"Some people predict farmers will bring several thousand acres of former 'set-aside' acreage back into crop production in Texas next year," Abbott said. "This is considered to be the best and quickest way to check food price increases.

"But it's also the quickest way to increase dust storms, sediment pollution, and other erosion problems unless sound conservation measures are installed, Abbott pointed out.

"There is a lot of land in our Medina Valley soil and Water Conservation District which can be used for cropland safely if managed properly," Abbott said. "Yet there are other soils which are so susceptible to blowing or washing that they should never be used for crop production."

Abbott said he hopes farmers will use soil survey information available from his office before putting new land in cultivation.

"Soil surveys show which soils are best suited for crop production and which soils are most susceptible to erosion. They can also show which soils are most productive."

SCS is giving top priority to helping farmers plan conservation measures on new land brought into cultivation. For information, contact the local SCS office at 1705 Ave. K in Hondo, telephone 426-2521.

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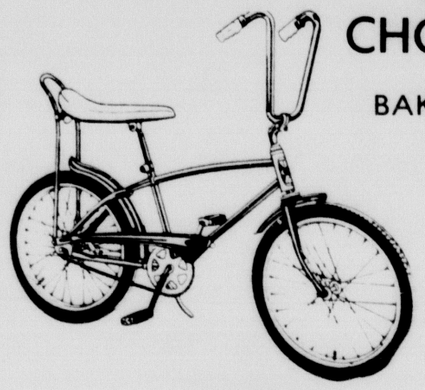

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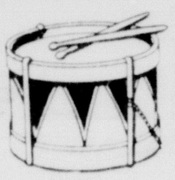

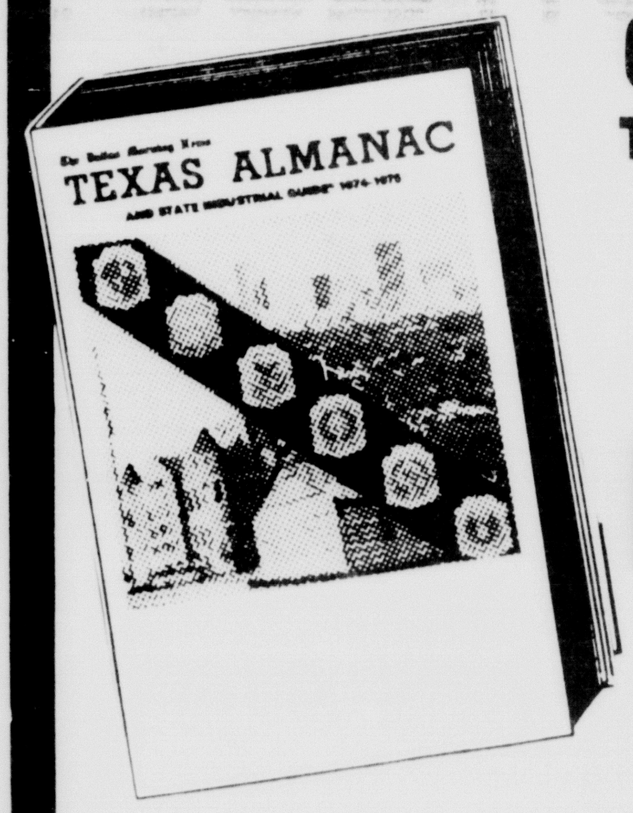

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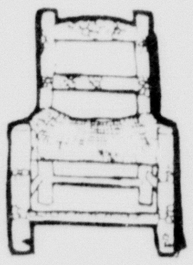

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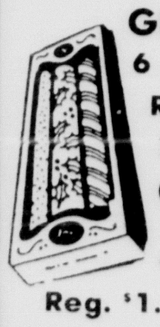

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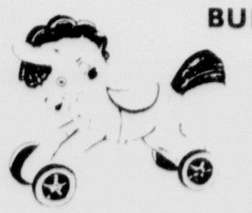

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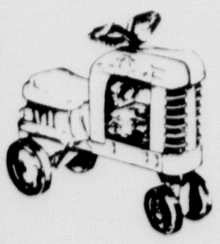

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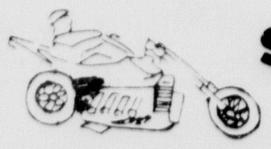

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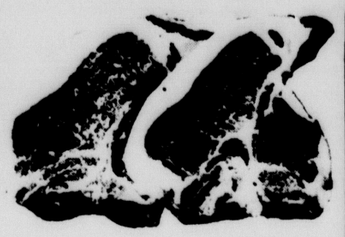

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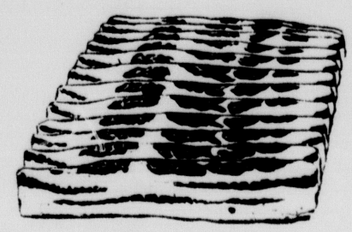

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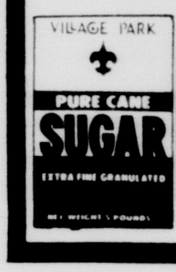

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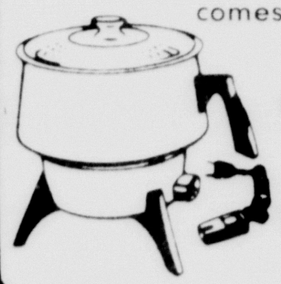

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COZY CLOSED HEEL AND OPEN HEEL STYLES-SZ. 5-10-
USE OUR LAY-A-WAY

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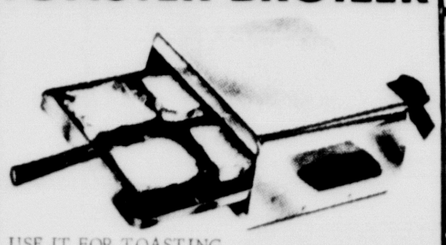

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CALIFORNIA GREEN PASCAL LARGE STALK EACH 19¢
FANCY RED DELICIOUS APPLES CRISP & SWEET - LB. 29¢
CALIFORNIA FRESH TASTY AVOCADOS LARGE SIZE - EA. 25¢
CALIFORNIA NAVEL - NEW CROP ORANGES SWEET & JUICY - lb. 25¢
TEXAS FRESH GREEN CUCUMBERS EA. 10¢
TEXAS FRESH CRISP CARROTS 1 - LB. Cello Bag Ea. 19¢
US #1 COLORADO YELLOW ONIONS Pound 19¢
TEXAS TREE RIPENED RED GRAPEFRUIT 5-lb. Cello Bag - 69¢
MUMS ASSORTED COLORS, FOIL WRAPPED 6" Pot Ea. $2.69

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TEMPORARY LOW PRICE

TOWIE, MANZ. STUFFED OLIVES 7-OZ. JAR 75c
PARK MANOR CRESCENT ROLLS 8-OZ CAN 25c
KRAFT, 1000 ISLAND DRESSING . . . . 16-OUNCE BOTTLE 73c
GEBHARDT'S TAMALES . . . . . NO. 300 CAN 34c
HUNT'S — WHOLE TOMATOES . . . . . NO. 300 CAN 25c
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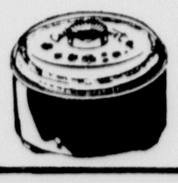

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APCO Country
SAUSAGE LB $1.15

APCO ALL MEAT
BOLOGNA LB 98¢

EGGS
Chapman Medium
Doz. 79¢

SUGAR Imperial
5 lb. bag with $5 Pur. 79¢

LETTUCE
Head each 25¢

POTATOES
10 lb. bag $1.09

PORK CHOPS
LB 98¢

Dealer Facs Reg. 49c
POTATOE CHIPS
now 39¢

ORANGES
5 lb. bag 65¢

Kimbell Giant Box
DETERGENT 69¢

PET MILK
PET 3 Cans for 79¢

TISSUE
Delta Four roll 38¢

Fryers
45¢ LB

CINNIMON ROLLS
Sunbeam
39¢

Public Records

Deeds

Johnny Zapata and wife, Evangeline Zapata, to W. H. Stone deed to Lots 8 and 9, Block 4, NCB 108, Windy Knoll Addition, Devine, $10 etc.

Alma Ruth George North to Ottis A. West deed to 40 acres of land out of the Robert Atkinson Survey No. 5, being all of Lots 16 and 17 and a portion of Lot 18, Block 15 Wheeler, Kelly and Hagny Investment Company Subdivision of the south part of the C. H. Melton 666.63 acre tract of land in Medina County, $10 etc.

Jim Allman Homes, Inc., a Texas Corporation, to Lorenzo A. Monreal Jr. and wife, Mary Jane Monreal WD/VL to Lot 20 NCB 191, Unit 4, Wedgewood Estates, Devine, $10 etc.

Martin E. Nester to Madeline Nester Hyman and husband, Howard Hyman WD/VL to 100.182 acres of land out of Survey 441, David G. Burnett, original grantee, situated about 2 miles south of D'Hanis, $10 etc.

Martin E. Nester to Olivia Nester WD/VL to 93.192 acres of Land out of Survey No. 441, David G. Burnett, situated about 2 miles south of D'Hanis, $10 etc.

Martin E. Nester to Raymond Nester and wife, Vivian Nester WD/VL to 166.995 acres of land out of Survey No. 441, David G. Burnett, and being that portion of a certain 345.5 acre tract described in a deed to Harold Nester by deed from Martin Nester, dated Feb. 7, 1946, D'Hanis, $10 etc.

Lillian G. Brucks to Ira L. Giddens and Sarah E. Giddens WD/VL to 77 acres out of the original Survey No. 216, in the name of Jos. Meyer, Medina County, $10 etc.

Allen S. DuBose to E. E. DuBose WD to 0.896 acres out of Survey No. 4, J. W. Reed, Abstract No. 1413, Medina County, $10 etc.

Jim Allman Homes, Inc., to Fred G. Barkhorst WD to 2052 acres of land out of Lot 7, Block 2, San Antonio Trust Subdivision of lands in Medina County, $10 etc.

A. C. McDowell and Fay Harkey, a single woman, to City of Devine, WD to a Tract of land out of Lots 1, 2 and 3, NCB 60, Devine, $10 etc.

Arthur Cuellar and wife, Mary Cuellar, Joe E. Briscoe and August Wipff to Simon Canter and wife Kalliopi Cantu, WD/VL to Lots 2, 3 and 4, Block 6, Green Meadows Subdivision, Devine, $10 etc.

J. E. Ingram to Autry Been WD/VL to 8.6443 in two tracts out of Survey No. 21, A. L. Kuykendall, Abstract No. 566, Medina County $10 etc.

Anna M Etheredge by my Attorney-in-Fact, James Stewart Harrison to Rojelio S. Macias and wife, Jane Martinez Macias, WD/VL to Lot No. 3, Block 1, NCB 105, Windy Knoll Addition, Devine, $10 etc.

Ozelle McMickle Stewart Moore to Floyd D. McOsker WD/VL to 177 acres of land out of Survey 6, Wm. Marley, situated about 22 miles SE of Hondo, $10 etc.

Jeffrey L. Goslin and wife, Brenda G. Goslin to Thomas M. Goslin and wife, Linda L. Goslin, WD/VL to Lot 17, Block 2, Wedgewood Estates Subdivision, Unit 4, Devine, $10 etc.

Marriage Licenses

Richard Wayne Jacoby and Nancy Gail Keeton, Nov. 21; Roy Ontiveros and Ernestine Garcia, Nov. 28; Charles Conway Godden and Mrs. Patricia Ann Gordon, Nov. 29; Rex Leroy Toles and Marta Adrianna Velasquez, Nov 29.

New Car Registrations

Michael Saathoff, Hondo, Ford; Mrs. Herman J Ney, D'Hanis, Ford PU Floyd Steubing, Dunlay Chev; Wayne W. Scholtz Hondo, Chev PU; Raymond and Cecilia Koch Hondo, Olds; Paul E Lutz, Hondo, Buick; Mrs Nell F. Richter, Hondo Olds.

Tommy Oliphant, Sabinal, Chev PU; Eleuterio M. Gonzales, San Antonio Pont.; Refugio Rios, Hondo, Chev; Harry B. Spahn San Antonio, Chev Pu

Hondo Gas Stations will not close yet

President Nixon's recent announcement of energy conservation practices caused a varied reaction among Hondo gasoline station owners.

Part of the program outlined by the President included the shutting down of all gas service stations on Sunday to curtail pleasure driving.

Those stations in Hondo not already forced to close seem ready to resist any such move until it becomes law, or Company policy, to do so.

Among the stations queried by the Anvil Herald were Wesley Huesser and R. C. Blackwell Gulf station, Lupe Ytuarte and Tony Alvarez Phillips 66 stations, Hilmer Mueller and Sillman's Exxon, Sigmor Shamrock, Shumann and Hartman Texaco, and Pioneer Oil Co. Their comments are as follow:

"We will not close on Sundays yet, until the law is passed and we're forced to. We have no trouble getting gas, and there is no shortage from the company so far." -- Les Shuman.

"We will be closed from 9 p.m. Saturday night until Monday morning. The is a rule that came from Shamrock Oil, but there is still no limit on gas sales. You can still get all you need here." - Sonny Schmidt.

R. C. Blackwell will not close until it becomes a law, and even then he plans to keep everything open but the pumps including garage and other services. He has no gas shortage at this time, but about 2½ months ago, he says, the station was short for about ten days.

"It should be mentioned," R. C. noted, "that it's very dangerous to hoard gas. There's a lot of it going on. That's a bad answer to this problem - there will be plenty of gas for everyone."

Sillman's Truck Stop will stay open also, as long as they can. No word has come from the company yet if they will be forced to close, or if they will be allowed to stay open because they service trucks. Station owners says Sillman, "are caught in the middle with the short supply," and forced closing will hurt all stations owners.

Mueller's Exxon will close on Sundays. A bad shortage of gas last Friday was thought to be insufficient to last through the weekend. "Making us close on Sunday will not help the situation -- people will only rush to fill up on Saturday," reports Hilmer. "It's a mess, and it'll be worse before it gets better."

Pioneer Oil Co., an independent dealer in Hondo, was told by its supervisor that they will have to close on Sunday so that all the stations can be kept open. Although they do not sell diesel at the Hondo station, the Pioneer dealer had heard that possibly only diesel fuel could be sold on Sundays.

George Muennink at Frank Hartman's Texaco had closed already when contacted at 2:45 p.m. Friday. He is having trouble getting gas, plans to close early every day, and all day Sundays.

Tony Alvarez at the Phillips 66 station in Hondo will not close unless it's mandatory either by law or company. He has not experienced the gas cutback yet, and plans to stay open as long as possible. "Weekends are the best times to sell," Tony said. "If we have to close the pumps on Sunday, we'll stay open to sell beer -- more people buy beer than gas anyway."

Wesley Huesser, Gulf dealer, has been closing Sundays for years, and he won't cut back any further unless he's forced to. He reports that he is stretching the gas now. "The situation looks lovely for an old man. I need the time off, anyway."

So, that's it. There'll be no closings on Sunday beyond those already closed, at least until the law forces it. Some owners like the idea -- most don't.

Hospital News

Admissions

NOVEMBER 25
Emma Wiemers, Hondo
Isabel Contreras Jr., Sabinal
Polly Smith, San Antonio

NOVEMBER 26
Barbara Bohls, Hondo
Gloria G. Gonzales, LaCoste
L. R. O'Neal, Corpus Christi
Mamie C. Schroeder, Hondo
Anselma Juarez, Natalia
Leonora Gomez, D'Hanis

NOVEMBER 28
Mary Lou Sandoval, Utopia

NOVEMBER 29
Linda Fohn, Hondo
Mary Jane Thomas, D'Hanis

NOVEMBER 30
Mary Ellen Hernandez, Hondo
Margarita Perales, Castroville
Lela Ferguson, Utopia
Annie J. Moreno, Hondo
Jerry Kollman, Hondo

Dismissals

NOVEMBER 25
Victor Garcia, Hondo

NOVEMBER 26
John Shows, Hondo
Oscar Sauter, Hondo
Polly Smith, San Antonio

NOVEMBER 27
Lee Bennett, Utopia

NOVEMBER 28
Isabel Contretas Jr., Sabinal
Emma Wiemers, Hondo
John Santleben, Sabinal
L. R. O'Heal, Corpus Christi
Barbara Bohls, Hondo

NOVEMBER 29
Lela Ferguson, Utopia
Anselma Juarez, Natalia
Frances Franke, Johnson City
Mamie Schroeder, Hondo

NOVEMBER 30
Leonora Gomez, D'Hanis
Mary Jane Thomas, D'Hanis

Babies

John Ryan to Mr. and Mrs. James R. Bohls, Hondo, 8 lbs. 4½ oz., Nov. 26; Alberto to Mr. and Mrs. Jose Gomez, D'Hanis, 7 lbs. 4 oz., Nov. 27; Jose Lira Jr. to Mr. and Mrs. J. Gonzales, LaCoste, 7 lbs. 6½ oz., Nov. 28; Annie Elizabeth to Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Fohn, Hondo, 7 lbs. 7½ oz.; Nov. 30; Javier Jr. to Mr. and Mrs. Javier Hernandez, Hondo, 5 lbs. 10½ oz., Nov. 30.

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BONUS PAK Purex 3 Qt. Jug 35¢
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COFFEE CREAMER Coffee MATE 16 oz. Jar 89¢

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SAVE 30¢ WHEN YOU BUY A 6 oz. Jar of INSTANT FOLGER'S COFFEE CRYSTALS
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GOOD THRU 12/8/73

WALDORF TISSUE 4 Roll Pak 39¢

PAPER TOWELS 59¢

SPARKLING VALUES!

MRS. TUCKER'S SHORTENING $1.15

CELERY 29¢

CRISPY LETTUCE and POTATOES 5 LB BAG 69¢

CHOICE MEATS
TENDER AND TRIMMED... GRADE A
FRYERS lb. 47¢
CHUCK ROAST lb. 89¢
SLAB THICK SLICED BACON lb. 98¢

BALLARD Buttermilk and Sweetmilk Biscuits 3 8 oz. Can 39¢

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RENOWN TOMATOES 3 300 CANS 69¢

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KEEBLERS CLUB CRACKERS 16-oz. Pkg. 53¢

IMPERIAL SUGAR 5-lb. BAG 79¢
LIMIT 1 WITH $5.00 PURCH. OR MORE.

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GOLDEN BANANAS lb. 15¢
CALIFORNIA ORANGES lb. 21¢
CRISP CELERY STK. 27¢
CRISP CARROTS 2 PKS. 35¢

TENDER TRIMMED MEAT

SEVEN OR RIB STEAK lb. 99¢
SHOULDER ROUND STEAK lb. 99¢
SHOULDER ROUND OR CHUCK ROAST lb. 99¢
RUMP ROAST lb. $1.09

BONELESS BRISKET lb. $1.19
RATH BACON lb. $1.15
SUNDAY HOUSE SMOKED TURKEYS lb. $1.09
BONELESS STEW MEAT lb. $1.25

GOOD FOR BAR-B-QUE RIBS lb. 55¢
RATH WEINERS 12oz. Pkg. 79¢
EXTRA LEAN HAMBURGER lb. $1.35

HI-C DRINKS 3 46oz CANS $1

FRESH LETTUCE HEAD 25¢

FRYERS lb. 45¢

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BAKER'S ANGEL FLAKE COCONUT 3¼ oz SIZE 27¢

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JOHNSON'S COTTON SWABS 60's VALUE 55¢

TOOTHPASTE CREST 50¢ VALUE 65¢

LINDY PEAS 4 300 CAN 89¢

MEADOWLAKE OLEO lb. CTN. 39¢

HIPOLITE MARSHMALLOW CREME 9-oz SIZE 35¢

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PIONEER YELLOW OR WHITE CORN BREAD 39¢

LIQUID DETERGENT JOY KING SIZE 69¢

SOLO PAPER PLATES 20 ct. DIV. 35¢

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